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# IT'S TRUMP!

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Vice president-elect Mike Pence, right, watches as President-elect Donald Trump speaks during an election night rally, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, in New York. AP

**W**ASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump claimed his place Wednesday as America's 45th president, an astonishing victory for the celebrity businessman and political novice who capitalized on voters' economic anxieties, took advantage of racial tensions and overcame a string of sexual assault allegations on his way to the White House.

Trump's triumph over Hillary Clinton, not declared until well after midnight, will end eight years of Democratic dominance of the White House. He'll govern with Congress fully under Republican control and

lead a country deeply divided by his rancorous campaign against Clinton. He faces fractures within his own party, too, given the numerous Re-

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## CUC board members sued

Former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. public information officer Brad Ruszala and former CUC chief financial officer Matthew Yaquinto filed a lawsuit yesterday against CUC board members for allegedly holding closed-door meetings under the guise of "executive sessions" and using their positions to obtain private

financial gain for themselves and their relatives.

Ruszala and Yaquinto, through

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## Republicans dominate independents

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REPORTER

With a slogan to deliver on their promises and backed by a well-oiled political machinery, CNMI Republican Party candidates dominated this year's general election, with all their three candidates winning Senate seats and 15 bets edging 18 rivals for House of Representatives seats, ac-

» Judge Camacho gets  
overwhelming vote  
of confidence

cording to the Commonwealth Election Commission's partial and unofficial tabulation results.

U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who ran unopposed for a fifth term, garnered a total of 9,417 votes.

The overall number of votes totaled 10,993, excluding the 984 absentee ballots that CEC received on Tuesday. Out of the 17,930 registered voters, over 5,000 voted early. The only ballots to be counted on Nov. 22 are the absentee votes, which could possibly affect those having close edges over their rivals such as the Rota Senate position. CEC sent 1,700

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## Are Tinian voters sticking with incumbents?

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**TINIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**—Voters on Saipan's island neighbor seemed to be sticking with the current leadership with both incumbent members of the 19th Leg-

islature likely to retain their respective seats. Based on uncertified and unofficial results Senate President Francisco M. Borja and Rep. Edwin P. Aldan were each leading against independent rivals Henry H. San Nicolas and Diana H. Borja.

Early voting and Election Day

numbers—counted last Tuesday night—showed Borja enjoying to a 126-lead over San Nicolas, while Aldan is holding a 63-vote edge against Borja, the vice chairman of the 15th Tinian and Aguiguan Municipal Council. Borja and Aldan are running

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## Local

# Docomo offers internship to Google event winners

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The first and second place winners in the first ever Google Start Up Weekend Saipan were offered an internship opportunity at Docomo Pacific, a mobile phone operator from Japan.

Start Up Weekend Saipan, a three-day workshop from Nov. 4 through 6, was meant to motivate young entrepreneurs to generate and pitch their ideas to a panel of judges.

Daphne De Leon Guerrero, Docomo Pacific's human resource business partner, said the Docomo Pacific internships provide opportunities to driven individuals.

"Docomo Pacific really likes to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation within the community. We've done a lot of work around educational programs, so we are very supportive of children. One of the opportunities that we like to provide is to have these budding entrepreneurs come in to see what it's like to work for a large company such as Docomo Pacific. We

employ over 650 associates as of this moment so I think it is such fast-paced and ever changing environment that will give them the opportunity to see the telecom industry and more innovation," said Guerrero.

Ballen Song, team leader of the first place winner, said his idea for the Google Start Up Weekend Saipan is intended to help people. Song's idea, which is to provide gym services without the thought of just going to it for the aesthetics rather than health, won the judges' votes.

"I believe that my purpose, and that's where my source of motivation comes from. I looked at Saipan, which is my home. I've lived here 10 years already, and the obesity and diabetes level is kind of high. When it comes to gym and fitness, this is what I do the best. It's the best side of me and I just want to give that to the community," said Song.

"That's why I started this whole thing. Regarding the gym, I've thought about this for two years already, so chances like this is more like



opportunity meets preparation," he added.

Now that he's won a competition, Song said he now recognizes great business ideas.

"Eventually, the gym is going to happen so this is just a program I just wanted to try out; [I wanted to know] where my competition was on the island and where my knowledge of being an entrepreneur stands. I believe this is one of those things where it just brings up my confidence a little more, it lets me feel a little bit more secure and the

thing that I want to do with the community is that once I build the gym, I'm going to use 5 percent of the annual income to do things for the island, such as funding the sports team on the island or I can bring in things to educate the kids more, because they are the next generation and education is key," said Song.

University of Guam's Business and Public Administration dean Annette Santos, who served as a judge during Start Up Weekend Saipan, thinks that Song's idea was well thought out.

ERWIN ENCINARES

From left: Bank of Guam Saipan branch manager judge Larry Phillip, Docomo Pacific branch manager judge Danny Daniel, first place winner team captain Ballen Song (middle), University of Guam dean of Business and Public Administration judge Annette Santos (second right), and BOG's judge Charles Peters posing for a picture after Google's Start Up Weekend Saipan.

"I think that Song's group had an idea, and that idea was fleshed out into more specifics. Identifying the resources was one of his major strengths, and just really knowing who his target market was really going to be. He was targeting the youth, the elders, and also obtaining the statistics of the health situation on Saipan. He looked at obesity and diabetes, and I think that the ability of the group to identify the problem and recognize a potential solution to solving that problem led to their success," said Santos.

Although the business idea is great, Santos warned that failure is easier to find, so it all depends on the group's ability

to adapt when it comes to real world application.

"Starting a new business comes with trial and error. There are risks and rewards in every entrepreneurial endeavor. How a new business responds to the risks or the challenges will really dictate their level of success. ...Anticipating what those challenges are going to be just by following trends and forecasting potential activity and then positioning themselves to deal with those threats to be able to minimize the impact to the company will certainly put them in a good position to continue to exist," said Santos.

Docomo Pacific brand manager Danny Daniel, also one of the judges during the Google event, was proud of all the participants.

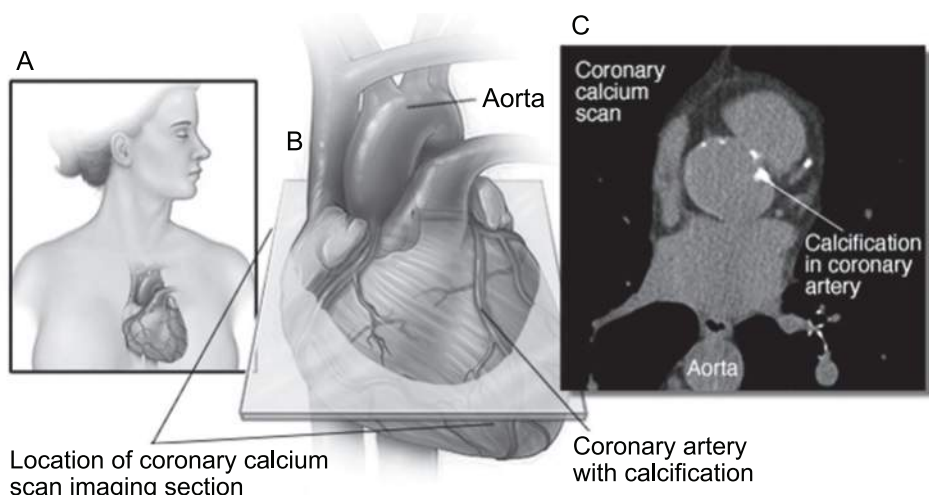
"This was an awesome experience and I am so glad to be part of the inaugural event. I was so happy and pleased to see the excitement and everybody's energy. I love that I am looking at the future right now and that is really amazing," said Daniel.

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## Residents warned to avoid Zika, dengue viruses

Kosrae and Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia report multiple cases of the Zika virus. Pohnpei and Chuuk have had isolated cases. Palau recently had one case. In Kosrae, there is also dengue virus, a virus similar to Zika.

Both Zika virus and dengue virus are spread by the same type of mosquito. This mosquito likes to bite humans and has adapted to live around houses, schools and workplaces—anywhere where humans congregate. Currently there

is no vaccine to prevent these mosquito-transmitted diseases and no treatment if you get them. Therefore bite prevention and mosquito control are the best ways to protect yourself, your family and your community.

There are currently no Zika or dengue cases in the CNMI or Guam, but now is the time to “Fight the Bite” and avoid being bitten by mosquitos and clean your yard to remove containers of water where mosquitos breed.

## 2nd CNMI Hospitality Expo and Job Fair next Saturday

Island Training Solutions and the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute will be hosting the CNMI’s second ever hospitality expo on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Saipan World Resort’s Royal Taga Hall, from 10am to 6pm. The event is free to the public.

Over 35 vendors, restaurants, and hotels will be showing off their new products and services. “The goal of the expo is to showcase the amenities, banquet facilities, restaurants, bars, spas, memberships, products, etc., that are offered at the various hotels/resorts on our beautiful island,” said Jim Arenovski from Island Training Solutions. “There will also be wholesalers, restaurants and other tourism related businesses highlighting their offerings.”

Spaces are still available if you are interested in participating. There will be dozens of raffle prizes donated by the participating businesses. A

free raffle ticket will be given to each person that enters the expo/job fair.

“Businesses will be taking résumés and have applications available. Each business is being encouraged to display all the various occupations offered to showcase the variety of employment and career opportunities available in the hospitality industry. We encourage the job seeking public to bring their resumes with them,” said Arenovski.

More than ever, businesses are willing to train raw and inexperienced applicants who demonstrate the willingness and eagerness to perform in the workplace.

“There is probably no better time to be job hunting in the NMI,” said Arenovski.

If you wish to register or require any additional information, contact Arenovski at [deltamgt@pticom.com](mailto:deltamgt@pticom.com) or call 287-7037. (PR)

With all the rain we have been having recently, we recommend every week you all:

- Empty water from containers around your home and workplace, including tires, toys, buckets, coconuts, soda cans, flower pots—anything that can hold water, even very small amounts such as tops of soda bottles

- Empty pet water bowls
- Flush out holes in trees and plants

- Keep your yard clean and drain puddles

- Clean roof gutters to make sure rain does not ac-

cumulate and can drain out properly

- Cover or screen rain collection barrels

- Fix outside leaking pipes

- Speak to your neighbor and help them empty or remove water containers.

To avoid being bitten:

- Make sure your windows and doors have well-fitting screens with no gaps or holes.

- Use air-conditioning if you have it.

- On your skin follow product instructions and use approved mosquito repellants containing deet, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon-Eucalyptus or Para-Methane-Diol. Do not use these two products on children younger than 3 years old.

- Dress in long sleeves and pants particularly at dawn and dusk when these mosquitoes bite the most.

- Cover strollers and baby cribs with mosquito netting.

For more information go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>. If you have any questions about how to control mosquitoes contact the Bureau of Environmental Health’s John Tagabuel on 664-4870/72/73. (BEH)

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### OVR counselors' outreach in Tanapag

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation counselors will be conducting an outreach session at the Tanapag Youth Center in Tanapag on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, from 9am to 12pm. Individuals interested in applying for vocational rehabilitation services are encouraged to take advantage of this outreach. You can contact the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at 322-6537/38 for more information. (PR)

#### MHS Theatre Club show this weekend

The MHS Theatre Club that joined the MHS Club family last year will be presenting another amazing presentation that will induce every teenager to watch a presentation of the greatest guidebook to surviving high school! This will be shown for three consecutive dates this weekend: Nov. 11 and 12 from 6pm to 7pm and on Nov. 13, a matinee from 4pm to 5pm. Tickets start at \$2 for Thespian members, \$3 for students and \$5 for adults! Purchase tickets from cast members, the Dolphin Theatre, or at the door. (PR)

#### Two Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the DPW Channel Bridge and Wing Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan’s recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

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## TRUMP

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publicans who either tepidly supported his nomination or never backed him at all.

As he claimed victory, Trump urged Americans to “come together as one united people.”

Clinton called her Republican rival to concede but did not plan to speak publicly until

Wednesday morning. Trump, who spent much of the campaign urging his supporters on as they chanted “lock her up,” said the nation owed Clinton “a major debt of gratitude” for her years of public service.

The Republican blasted through Democrats’ long-standing firewall, carrying Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that hadn’t voted for a GOP presidential candidate since the 1980s. He needed

to win nearly all of the competitive battleground states, and he did just that, including Florida, Ohio, North Carolina and others.

Global stock markets and U.S. stock futures plunged, reflecting investor concern over what a Trump presidency might mean for the U.S. and world economies and trade.

A New York real estate developer who lives in a sparkling Manhattan high-rise,

Trump forged a striking connection with white, working class Americans who feel left behind in a changing economy and diversifying country. He cast immigration, both from Latin America and the Middle East, as the root of the problems plaguing many Americans and tapped into fears of terrorism emanating at home and abroad.

GOP Senate candidates fended off Democratic challengers

in key states, including North Carolina, Indiana and Wisconsin. Republicans also maintained their grip on the House.

Senate control means Trump will have great leeway in appointing Supreme Court justices, which could mean a shift to the right that would last for decades.

Trump has pledged to usher in sweeping changes to U.S. foreign policy, including building a wall along the

U.S.-Mexico border and suspending immigration from countries with terrorism ties. He’s also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin and spoken of building a better relationship with Moscow, worrying some in his own party who fear he’ll go easy on Putin’s provocations.

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absentee ballots but received on Tuesday only 984 ballots.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho received tremendous support by receiving 8,165 “yes” votes and 2,343 “no” votes for his retention on the bench—a 77.7 percent approval.

In a statement yesterday, Camacho said he is humbled by the overwhelming vote of approval by CNMI voters. He extended his appreciation to everyone for their vote of confidence.

“With the utmost humility, I reaffirm my oath to support

and defend the Constitution and laws of the CNMI, and to continue to work hard and be worthy of the trust and confidence of the CNMI people,” Camacho said.

In the battle for the Saipan senatorial district, Sen. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar (Rep) had a landslide victory over his lone opponent, former senator Ray Naraja Yumul (Ind), by garnering 2,645 votes. Yumul got 1,181 votes.

For the Tinian and Aguiguan senatorial positions, Senate President Francisco Manglona Borja (Rep) got 533 votes while his rival, Henry Hofschneider San Nicolas (Ind), got 407.

For Rota senatorial seat, Rota Municipal Council chair

George Ogo Hocog (Rep) edged veteran senator Paul A. Manglona with just six votes, 378-372. Thomas Lee Atalig Manglona (Dem) received 234 votes.

In the battle for the House Saipan seats, Republicans dominated the race.

In Precinct 1, out of six GOP bets, only Rep. Antonio P. Sablan did not make it to the magic six. Rep. Edwin Kenneth Propst (Ind) came out on top with 1,945 votes.

All five GOP candidates prevailed—Rep. Angel Aldan Demapan, Rep. Joseph Leap-pan Tenorio Guerrero, Rep. Joseph Pinaula Deleon Guerrero, Janet Ulloa Maratita, and Gregorio Muna Sablan Jr.

For House Precinct 2, Reps. John Paul Palacios Sablan and Rafael Sablan Demapan, both GOPs, got the first and second slots, respectively. Vicente Aldan Ichihara (Ind) was 132 votes behind Demapan.

For House Precinct 3, press secretary Ivan Alafanso Blanco (Rep.) emerged the top vote-getter with 1,209 votes. The other five who made it to the magic six were Rep. Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao (Ind), Rep. Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez (Ind), Donald Cabrera Barcinas (Rep), Francisco Santos Dela Cruz (Rep), and Jose Ilo Itibus (Rep).

For House Precinct 4, Rep. Vinzon Edward Flores Sablan (Ind) came on top with

714 votes followed by Alice Santos Igitol (Rep) with 576 votes. Rep. George Norita Camacho (Rep) landed on third place with 501 votes.

For House Precinct 5, Rep. Lorenzo Iglecias Deleon Guerrero (Ind) came first with 805 votes, followed by Francisco Concepcion Aguon who got 788 votes. Antonio Reyes Agulto (Rep) landed on third place.

For the House Tinian seat, Edwin Palacios Aldan (Rep) got 501 votes, while his rival, Diana Hocog Borja, got 438.

For the House Rota seat, Glenn Lizama Maratita (Rep) got 580 votes, while his opponent, Tricia Marie Atalig Manglona (Dem) received 392 votes.

For the Municipal Council-Saipan and Northern Islands, Luis John Deleon Guerrero Castro got a whopping 5,750 votes, while Diego Litulumar Kaipat received 4,003 votes.

For Municipal Council-Tinian and Aguiguan, Phillip Thomas Mendiola-Long got 505 votes, followed by Reynaldo Mendiola Cing, with 496, and Edwin Manglona Hofschneider with 493.

For Municipal Council-Rota, Antonio Wayne Barcinas got 751 votes, followed by Kary John Ramos with 675, and Ivan Mereb Jr. with 579.

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## CUC

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George Lloyd Hasselback, are suing CUC board chair Adelina C. Roberto and board members Eric C. San Nicolas, Joseph T. Torres, Ignacio L. Perez, and Albert A. Taitano for violations of the Open Government Act, Government Ethics Code, and U.S. District for the NMI stipulated order.

Ruszala and Yaquinto asked the Superior Court to declare that the CUC board members are in violation of their fidu-

ciary duties for their continued failure to comply with the OGA requirements.

They requested the court to declare that all ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, directives created by the CUC board in violation of OGA be declared null and void.

Ruszala and Yaquinto asked the court to issue an immediate order compelling the defendants to comply with the OGA in their roles CUC board members. The also asked the court to declare that the board members are in violation of their fiduciary duties for their continued failure to

comply with the requirements of the Government Ethics Act and with the terms of the stipulated order.

Ruszala and Yaquinto asked the court to stop all further expenditure of public funds that are being expended for all activities that violate the CUC board’s fiduciary duties.

Hasselback stated in the complaint that the CUC board held a closed-door meeting in January 2016 under the guise of an “executive session” where discussions were held pertaining to the elimination of the position of public information officer

that should have been held in a public session.

Hasselback said that, on May 4, 2015, the CUC board held another closed-door meeting where discussions were held pertaining to petitions for rate-increases that should have been held in a public session.

Hasselback said the defendants held a closed-door meeting under the guise of an “executive session” where discussions were held pertaining to alterations in CUC policy concerning promissory notes that should have been held in

a public session.

The lawyer said that, on Nov. 24, 2015, some of the defendants introduced and voted on changes to CUC policy regarding the issuance and enforcement of promissory notes to CUC customers in arrears on payments, when certain defendants would benefit financially from such changes personally.

Hasselback said that in late 2015, some of the defendants influenced or attempted to influence customer service employees to help certain CUC customers avoid late

payment, reconnection, and/or other charges based upon their personal relationships to those customers.

Hasselback said that in March 2009, the U.S. District Court for the NMI issued a stipulated order in order to address CUC’s noncompliance with federal laws that pertain to clean water and safe drinking water.

The lawyer said that CUC has failed to fill certain senior management positions in a reasonably timely manner per the terms of the stipulated order. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## VOTERS

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under the local GOP.

The tally, however, is still unofficial, with absentee votes to be counted in the coming days once they are mailed back to Saipan. The deadline and procedure for absentee ballots was extended after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed House Bill 19-204, which was introduced by Rep. Felicidad T. Ogu-moro (R-Saipan). HB 19-204 is now Public Law 19-70. PL 19-70 suspended 1 CMC 6213 where all absentee ballots must be received on or before Election Day, in this case on Nov. 8. PL 19-70 gave absentee voters enough time to mail back their ballots.

All absentee ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Commonwealth Election Commission no later than 14 calendar days after Nov. 8. The CEC, if using a

post office box in receiving the absentee ballots, shall remove all absentee ballots for it to be deemed received within the deadline.

CEC has already received a total of 984 of the 1,700 absentee ballots and would start the counting on Nov. 22, Tuesday.

### Economic activity

Economic activity on Tinian is currently at a standstill—except for the occasional Hot Pepper Festival and San Jose Fiesta—especially after Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino’s complete shutdown, badly hurting the island.

“It has been like that since the Dynasty closed down. We’re busy if there’s an event here or if the military is having a training exercise,” said one resident, who asked not to be named.

Tinian, however, is showing slow signs of recovery with Bridge Investment Group’s project at Kammer Beach almost done. They are also pre-

paring to start the construction of one of two hotels they are going to develop.

Alter City Group also broke ground with its multi-billion dollar casino resort at Puntan Diablo, with construction set later this year.

### Returning, first-time voters

David M. Evangelista has been away for more than five years on Tinian but chose to return in May this year to support Tinian’s leaders, starting with Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas. He said San Nicolas is one of the new generation of leaders that would help move Tinian forward.

“I was even an absentee voter in the mainland. There are a lot of opportunities in the States but I decided to come back to my home island to support Mayor Joey. He is a good role model to our youth and he could have worked in a law firm with a higher salary but he chose to

stay and help Tinian,” said Evangelista. “We need leaders who are motivated and have vision for our island.”

For 19-year-old Justin Castro, finally becoming a part of the electoral process is his share of finding ways to improve Tinian’s condition. “It is the time for the youth to stand up and make choices that would shape our island.”

He voted GOP, adding that he made the right choice as he decided to go for experience. “I gave them my vote of confidence because they have the experience. We need actions, not only words.”

### Challengers

Diana Borja, Deborah Fleming, and Philip Mendiola-Long all decided to run in the hopes of doing more for their island community. Borja is up against Aldan, while Fleming and Mendiola-Long are vying for one of the three Municipal Council seats.

“I have retired after being

an educator for 22 years. But even when I’m a private citizen, people come to me and ask for help. That’s why I decided to run for a Municipal Council post,” said Borja, who is the vice chair of the 15th Council.

Fleming, a member of the Tinian Women’s Association, is a social activist but said that she could do a lot more for Tinian as a council member. TWA is one of the groups that filed a lawsuit against the U.S. military for its plans of building a firing range on Pagan.

“I think I will be more effective if there are people like me inside the system. Leaders who would change and get things done,” said Fleming.

Mendiola-Long is the chief executive officer of Bridge Investment Group, one of Tinian’s major investors. “I want to address local issues. I’m not here for the position, being a member of the council is somewhat vol-

untary. You don’t get paid.”

### Smooth process

According to CEC commissioner Donald Hofschneider, Tinian has a total of 1,690 registered voters made up of local residents, those who are on Saipan, off-island students, and the military. They are also waiting for around 400 absentee ballots.

He added that voting this time was much faster and went smoothly compared to previous elections where long lines almost reached the Tinian Elementary School gate. “You have to wait either under the hot sun or the pouring rain. That’s why an umbrella was a must, back then.”

“It is much faster this time because a lot of people availed of the early voting,” added Hofschneider, who supervised the elections with fellow commissioner Joseph Santos with representatives from the Office of the Attorney General observing the proceedings.





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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS – SHIP -VI  
TWO HOUSES IN SAIPAN  
AND  
ONE HOUSE ON SINAPALO, ROTA

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals for the following:

- 1) Two-story 5 Bedroom Concrete House in Kannat Tabla, Saipan - 1 unit
- 2) 2 Bedroom Concrete House in Kagman III, Saipan - 1 unit
- 3) Two-story 4 Bedroom Concrete House in Sinapalo, Rota - 1 unit

MPLT Resolution 10-10-A2 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP), under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following:

- 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value;
- 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and
- 3) the proposer is certified as qualified under the CNMI Homestead Program with the CNMI Department of Public Lands, Homestead Division.

The interest rate is 2% per annum fixed under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals “as is and where is” without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for the acquired houses listed above. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa or at [www.mplt.gov.mp](http://www.mplt.gov.mp)

The deadline for submission of proposals for any of the houses is **Wednesday November 30, 2016 at 4:00PM.**

MPLT hereby reserves the right to cancel, modify or reject this RFP and any proposals should the Trustees determine that doing so is in the best interest of the Trust.

Two scheduled power interruptions

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled two power interruptions on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016, from 6am to 12pm and on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, from 6am to 12p.m.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace three spans of overhead primary conductors and corroded hardware along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Garapan. This is an effort to complete upgrades on the feeder 3 dis-

tribution circuit in order to strengthen the integrity of the distribution circuit.

Areas to be affected are Chalan Pale Arnold Road (from Sugar King to 99cents Supermart), Garapan St., Alaihai Av. (Duty Free, I Love Saipan), Puti Tainobiu Ave., Filooris Ave., Bikiki Ave., Kalachucha Ave., Upper Miha, and Northern side of China Town (Sugar King Rd., Executive Ct., Husga Av., President St., Ruler Ct., and Governor Pl.)

The China Town traffic

light will be affected.

The S-9 and S-4 wastewater lift stations will be affected.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, travelers are urged to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCoperation/>). **(PR)**

Chamber to hold workshop for high schoolers

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual high school workshop at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, from 9am to 3pm. This event is free to public and private high school juniors and seniors. Each student is required to provide a parental consent form. This form can be found on the Chamber website, [www.saipan-chamber.com](http://www.saipan-chamber.com) or by contacting the Chamber office at 234-7150.

This workshop was developed by the Education Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce as an annual event in the effort to prepare high school juniors/seniors for the path that lies ahead

when they graduate from high school. Donations have been received from Herman’s Bakery, Subway/Foremost, Saipan Ice, and LSG Sky Chefs to provide refreshments, breakfast, and lunch for all registered attendees.

Chamber members volunteer their time to host this workshop each year. This year, Shamika Ratwatte of Ernst & Young will highlight the importance of managing your finances in a “Personal Budgeting” segment. Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions will interact using real life examples to aid the students with resume/inter-

viewing skills and time management strategies.

Certificates of completion will be presented to the attendees at the end of the day.

Special thanks go out to Herman’s Bakery, to Subway/Foremost, Saipan Ice, and to LSG Sky Chefs for their donations, and to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library for the use of their facility.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is located on the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite #315. For more information, call (670) 234-7150 or email [coordinator2@saipanchamber.com](mailto:coordinator2@saipanchamber.com). **(PR)**

Sablan thanks Marianas voters for their trust and confidence

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) expressed his gratitude to the people of the Northern Marianas, who re-elected him to office on Tuesday for a fifth term. The unofficial vote tally from the Commonwealth Election Commission gave Sablan 9,417 votes, 868 more than he won in the last election in 2014.

“Thanks to the people of the Northern Marianas for your trust and confidence in the work that I do for you in the U.S. Congress,” Sablan said, as the vote results were announced. “Over the last eight years I have tried to use every opportunity I could find to make life better for everyone here in our islands. Today’s vote of confidence in the work I have been doing only redoubles my determination to raise the standard of living in the Marianas and fulfill the Covenant promise to make us truly part of the American family.

“We have accomplished so much already, but I can see that how much more we have to do. And I am ready to get right back to work in Washington on Monday.”

Sablan’s campaign for re-election focused on his long list of legislative accomplishments. Even though the Northern Marianas had never been represented in the U.S. Congress before Sablan

was elected in 2008, he has successfully increased funding for island schools, roads, water systems, for food and medical assistance for the poor, and to address violence against women.

He was also able to enact laws giving back ownership of submerged lands to the people of the Marianas and to extend the immigration transition period, important to the islands’ economy.

“The job of a legislator is to get legislation passed into law,” Sablan said.

“Looking ahead I am eager to be involved in the rewrite of the Higher Education Act in the next Congress. I want to be sure that community colleges, like our own Northern Marianas College, continue to get the federal support they need and that students, no matter what their family’s economic status, can go as far as their own hard work and determination will take them.

“I am also ready to renew the effort to reform our nation’s immigration laws, especially as they apply to the Marianas. I want to ensure that those who have lived here for decades can remain and that families are never separated. And I want to make sure that our economy has the workers it needs to grow and prosper.”

Sablan will be sworn in for his fifth term, when the 115th U.S. Congress convenes the week of Jan. 2, 2017. **(PR)**



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
As of November 10, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Tai Su International Dev., Inc.	09/12/2016 SMS-2016-X-076	Ocean View Resort Complex	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
2. Rota Department of Public Works	09/28/2016 RMS-2016-X-086	Coral Quarry Pit (Mining & Operations)	Igua, Rota	Major Siting	Under Review*
3. Docomo Pacific	09/26/2016 S/T/RMS-2016-X-083	Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Saipan, Tinian, & Rota	Major Siting	Certified Complete 10/12/2016
4. Department of Public Works	9/29/2016 SMS-2016-X-088	Route 33, Beach Road Improvement Project	Beach Road, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
5. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	10/14/2016 SMS-2017-X-003	Chalan Laulau Dormitories	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
6. Micronesia Resort Dormitory Dba. Kensington Hotel	10/14/2016 SMS-85-X-25 Amendment 2017-1	Well drilling	San Roque, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review
7. Commonwealth Port Authority	10/25/2016 RLRm-2017-X-007	To place instruments on the harbor bottom to collect wave and current data	Songsong, Rota	Lagoon & Reef	Approved, 10/28/2016
8. Saipan Crewboats Inc.	10/27/2016 SPI-2017-X008	Drydock	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Approved, 10/28.2016
9. Saipan A-Venture, LLC	10/27/2016 SLRm-2017-X-009	Snorkeling	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*
10. IT&E	10/24/2016 STRWSPIm-99-X-247 Amendment 2017-2	Fiber Optic Cable System Installation (Residential)	Island Wide, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Under Review
11. Cai Lingli dba. Proper Grand	11/3/2016 SMS-2017-X-010	Sugar King Hotel & Dormitory	Chalan Laulau, Saipan	Major Siting	Under Review*
12. Nury Corp. dba. Divewish	11/9/2016 SLRm-2017-X-011	Scuba Dive Tour Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Under Review*

\$15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.



## Decrease in health insurance premiums for government employees and retirees

Just two months after the implementation of Public Law 19-60, government employees and retirees experienced a decrease in health insurance premiums. Ardently supported by Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, the increase in health insurance membership after the law's enactment has resulted in a reduction in employee premium rates under the 2016 policy by 1.5 percent.

According to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, the decrease is on the employee share, an offset afforded to government retirees as well.

"The Torres-Hocog administration is aware of the challenges faced by employees and retirees in the CNMI regarding the cost of health insurance coverage and we will continue to shoulder a significant portion

of the health insurance costs through the employer share of the premium," Larson said.

Torres shared that House Local Bill 19-114 was signed in early August 2016 allowing the Department of Finance to administer the government's Group Health and Life Insurance program.

"This change allowed the government's health and life insurance to run more efficiently and affordably than the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund. With this, the premium rates and any changes in the enrollment have taken effect since Oct. 1, 2016, and we remain cognizant of the issue of rising health and life insurance costs. I am happy to say that with the increase in the number of participants in the government's

group insurance plans, we will continue to minimize increases in premiums," Torres said.

For active government contributions, an employee will pay \$85.33 for coverage on the high end, \$27.25 for low coverage, \$2.35 for basic. An employee and spouse will pay \$174.93 for high coverage, \$55.87 for low coverage and \$4.82 for basic. An employee and their family will pay \$272.07 for high coverage, \$87.19 for low, \$7.51 for basic.

For government retirees, employees will pay \$92.44 for high coverage, \$29.52 for low, \$2.55 for basic. Inclusion of retiree spouses will cost \$189.51 for high, \$60.52 for low, and \$5.22 for basic. For retirees and their family, \$295.83 for high coverage, \$94.46 for low, and \$8.14 for basic. *(Office of the Governor)*

## Almost Sunrise screening on Veterans Day

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be screening the documentary *Almost Sunrise* this Friday, Veterans Day, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater at 3pm.

*Almost Sunrise* follows two Iraq veterans, Tom Voss and Anthony Anderson, both tormented by depression for

years after they returned home and pushed to the edge of suicide. The two embark on an extraordinary journey—a 2,700-mile walk across the country from Wisconsin to California, in order to reflect on their haunting experiences of war and to ultimately, save themselves. Will this epic pilgrimage allow them to begin

the new life they so desperately seek? Find out what happens this Friday, Nov. 11.

The screening is made possible through funding under the Standing Together Initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call council staff at 235-4785. *(PR)*

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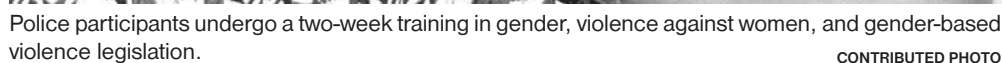
1. ID: Passport, Birth Certificate, or Green Card
2. Official Transcript (3 Official Copies)
3. Tax Forms: Your or your parents' signed 2014 1040 form (2014 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes)
4. Proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voter's Certification, etc.)

The Cash for College Workshop is funded in part by a grant from the USDOE AANAPISI Program.





The workshop began on Monday and will end on Friday, Nov. 11. **(PR)**



The image is a poster for a procurement and supply invitation to bid. At the top, it features the text "PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY" and "CNMI GOVERNMENT" in large, bold, black letters. Below this is the "INVITATION TO BID" and the "ITB NO.: ITB17-HSEM-020" in even larger, bold, black letters. The poster specifies the "SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2016" and the "TIME: 10:00 A.M.". The main title of the bid is "OFFICE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CNMI HSEMA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING OFFICES", which is underlined. Below this, it states that copies of the scope of work may be picked up at the office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during regular working hours. It also mentions a mandatory pre-bid conference meeting scheduled for November 17, 2016, at 10:00 A.M., local time. The poster further states that the provision of the CNMI Procurement Regulations, NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725 and 70-30.3-730 prohibiting gratuities, kickbacks, and contingent fees shall apply. It reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government. At the bottom, there are two signatures: "/s/ GERALD J. DELEON GUERRERO, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HSEM" and "/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN, DIRECTOR OF HSEM". The poster is flanked by two circular logos: on the left, the "COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS" logo with a star and the words "OFFICIAL SEAL"; on the right, the "CNMI GOVERNMENT" logo featuring an eagle and the words "OFFICIAL SEAL".



## Rota and Saipan highlighted on China's Ergeng

Award-winning online media Ergeng recently visited Rota and Saipan with the assistance of the Marianas Visitors Authority to film four short videos that will air to its estimated 5-million viewers this month.

Ergeng was founded in 2014 and posts an original 3- to 4-minute "soul-healing" documentary film each night at 9pm that attracts millions of fans from China's largest cities. The videos cover lifestyle, indigenous people, history and culture, with a main character narrating the story about his or her life and hometown.

The first two videos will feature Saipan's natural beauty above and below the water, tourist attractions, and island lifestyle. Featured subjects will include scuba diving at Grotto, Laulau Beach and Obyan

Beach, free diving, yachting, Mt. Carmel Cathedral, Mt. Tapochao, sunrise at Bird Island, and sunset at the beach. The video features interviews with a PADI dive instructor and a Best Sunshine Internatiol, Ltd. yacht crewmember.

The third video will highlight Chamorro and Carolinian life, including traditional navigation, a family segment, dance with FESTPAC Warriors and Pacific Flowers dance troupe, and the 2nd Annual Ukulele Festival. The video will feature Ricardo S. Marciano, Anthony Hosono, and Phatima Tasi. On Saipan, the group lodged at Serenti Hotel.

The final video will highlight Rota, including the Rota Swimming Hole, Mochong Latte Site, Chamorro Vil-

lage, Teteto Beach, Tweksberry Beach, I Chenchon Bird Sanctuary, the island's famous hospitality, and local delicacies at Badilles Rota's BBQ Restaurant, As Paris, Tia's Café, and Tokyo-en. The group lodged at Rota Resort & Country Club.

"I had a lot of fun filming on Saipan. People here are so nice, friendly and helpful," said Ergeng director Poppy Zhu. "But I wish I could stay in Rota. It is so peaceful and beautiful, no wonder you call it the hidden treasure! I love it! I really want to come back for vacation and visit my new friends here. It's a great vacation destination for us city people."

"In particular, we'd like to thank Gordon Marciano of PDI and Thomas Mendiola



China's Ergeng video crew takes in a sunset after a day of filming in the Northern Mariana Islands in October 2016, assisted by Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, second from left.

of the Rota Mayor's Office for helping with the coordination and interviews about Chamorro and Carolinian culture for these videos, which will reach millions of people in China," said MVA marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Through the support of our MVA members and other community groups, the MVA is able to make these kinds of promotional videos which help spread dynamic information and exciting options to potential visitors. We couldn't do it without our partners."

The estimated ad exposure of the video is \$500,000. (MVA)

## PH mobile outreach on Saipan on Nov. 15-19

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine Honorary Consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, wishes to announce that the schedule for biometrics capturing of the e-passport applications is

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**2F DHL office,**  
**Chalan Laulau,**  
**Middle**  
**Road, Saipan**

already available.

Please note that all e-passport applications require personal appearance. Please wear

proper attire (i.e. shirt with collar).

Applicants on the list are

advised to be present at the venue on the date and time indicated in the schedule. Due to the start of the new ePassport system, we are strictly implementing the cancellation of "no show" applicants.

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### EDITORIAL

## Shakespeare's pal: The role of Marlowe only deepens the plot

For hundreds of years, William Shakespeare has been on the business end of whispering campaigns calling into question the authorship of many of his most famous plays. Being dead for half a millennium has put the Bard in the awkward position of not being able to forcefully contest these theories.

One name that consistently comes up as someone whose handiwork can be detected in plays traditionally attributed to Shakespeare is Christopher Marlowe, the Elizabethan playwright. While the theories that Marlowe (or anyone else) was the sole author of any of Shakespeare's plays have been mostly debunked, there's a good reason that his name keeps resurfacing: he and the Bard collaborated on at least three plays.

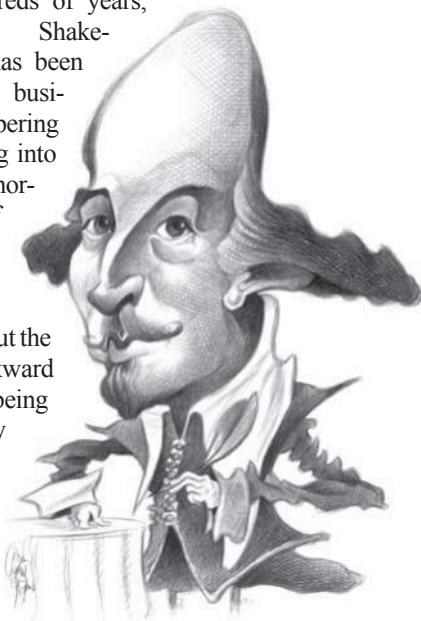
In fact, Shakespeare is believed to have collaborated with many other writers of the Elizabethan era, as well. According to an international committee of 23 distinguished Shakespeare scholars, a computer-assisted analysis of recurring phrases and language points to the likelihood that Marlowe should be credited as co-writer of at least the three Henry VI plays now attributed solely to Shakespeare.

That's why the latest edition of "The New Oxford Shakespeare" lists their names jointly on the title pages of Parts One, Two and Three of "Henry VI" for the first time.

There's much excitement in the academic world about this because it represents an honest acknowledgment of irrefutable scholarship and textual analysis.

This move also makes it possible to assess the 17 Shakespeare plays that are believed to be the result of uncredited collaborations, whether with Marlowe or other writers. A more realistic understanding of Shakespeare's output and work process will only deepen our respect for the most influential writer of the last 500 years—not lessen it.

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## How did we get to this point?

People have asked me who I intend to vote for. "Hillary," I told them, "and then I'm going to go home and throw up."

I mention this because the nature of the presidential election was so starkly at odds with anything that at age 67 I've experienced. I know gobs of people eager to cast their ballot today. Few will be voting out of affinity, let alone love.

How did we get to this point, where so many of us are voting not for, but against?

A Nov. 1-3 Fox News poll of likely voters found that 56 percent view Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton unfavorably, while 55 percent feel the same about GOP nominee Donald Trump. These are striking numbers to those of us raised to believe that our preferred candidate, at least, should embody what we see as the best of America.

Instead, we are left with Clinton, who seems drawn to operating at the precipice of political morality, and Trump, the Ugly American.

Yes, I know I'm being naive. Over the course of our 227-year presidential election history, we've endured our share of inept, under-qualified, possibly corrupt chief executives. While in Washington recently, my wife and I visited the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, which includes a formal portrait of every U.S. president, accompanied by a synopsis of each chief executive's strengths and weaknesses, his triumphs and defeats. The number remembered primarily for their faults is unnerving.

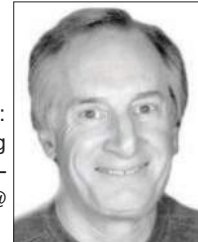
Consider, for example, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president, who served from 1869-77: "His weak control over his administration spawned an outbreak of federal corruption that made 'Grantism' synonymous with public graft."

It's important to remember, though, that however poorly Grant, and others such as John Tyler and Franklin Pierce, came to be judged while in office, as candidates they were generally admired—at least by their supporters. Warren G. Harding, the 29th president, whose 1921-23 stewardship was tarnished by scandal, won in a landslide, capturing 60 percent of the popular vote.

I emailed H.W. Brands, the eminent presidential historian and University of Texas at Austin professor who has written on Grant, Harry S. Truman, Ronald Reagan, Woodrow Wilson, Andrew Jackson, and both Theodore and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to ask if there has ever been another presidential election like our current one, in which both aspirants have been viewed so negatively.

By **RON BERLER**  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Ron Berler is the author of *Raising the Curve: A Year Inside One of America's 45,000\* Failing Public Schools*. He wrote this for the Philadelphia Inquirer. Readers may email him at [ron@ronberlerbooks.com](mailto:ron@ronberlerbooks.com).



"I can't think of a prior election with such high unfavorables," Brands replied, "but for most of American history nobody asked that question. And we have become a more negative culture than we used to be. So I think it says more about us than about the candidates."

He's right. My wife and I had considered inviting a close friend and Trump supporter/Hillary hater to dinner the night of the first presidential debate. We decided against it. The evening would have been too contentious, in a way that it never was for the three of us when George W. Bush debated Al Gore and later John Kerry, or when Barack Obama debated John McCain and then Mitt Romney. In fact, for the sake of our friendship, political discussion between us has been off the table for months.

But that's not how it should be with friends—or among any people of good will struggling to identify the best person in whom to entrust the future of our country. Part of it, I think, is that it's so much easier in today's world to closet ourselves within our silos of narrow self-interest. I don't know anyone who tunes to Rush Limbaugh in the afternoon and Rachel Maddow at night. If we never seek out other voices, never acknowledge that there is another side, how can we find those shared points of interest around which we can achieve compromise?

Which leads to this: Why should we expect our politicians to be any different than us?

I confess I'm as guilty as any. I have a second conservative buddy, a retired San Diego physician and anyone-but-Hillary supporter, who was as eager to engage me as I was of him.

"I view (the election) this way," he wrote in an email. "Electing Trump would be like playing Russian roulette with a six-shot revolver, where one, or perhaps two of the chambers have bullets in them. Electing Hillary is playing it with a double-barreled shotgun, with live shells in both chambers."

We exchanged 10 emails over a period of days, he spreading vinegar about Clinton, me pouring oil over Trump. And then I begged that we stop. Neither of us had gained or given an inch. I was exhausted.

In the end, we found between us one depressing commonality. "I too will go home and throw up after voting," he wrote, ending our personal presidential debate.



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## There's a strong case to be made for Electoral College

**D**espite the fact that we are going to the polls to cast our ballots, we won't actually be voting for Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Gary Johnson or Jill Stein. We instead will be voting for "electors" who will cast the actual ballots for president. Those ballots won't even be counted until December. That is when the "real" presidential election takes place.

The presidential election is actually decided by 538 electors who make up the Electoral College, a curious artifact of our Constitution. Some people want to amend the Constitution to eliminate the Electoral College; they instead want the presidency to be decided by a straight-up popular vote. Their argument is that a popular vote by its very nature ensures that the candidate with the most votes wins. There have been instances in history where a president ascends to the White House by winning the Electoral College vote, but not the popular vote (George W. Bush won this way in 2000).

Also, it is argued, the Electoral College creates many areas of

the country that are non-competitive, and therefore the votes of people in the minority don't count for much (Republican voters in deep-blue Massachusetts, for example, have little reason to cast a ballot for president).

Despite these arguments—which are no doubt important—I predict that many Americans will wake up Wednesday morning and be grateful for it.

Here's why:

First, the Electoral College makes election rigging difficult. If the nation elected its president with just a popular vote, rigging could take place anywhere in the country. And because of that, schemes would be hard to detect. Dividing our national presidential election into 50 smaller elections frustrates the schemes of would-be cheaters and lets officials know where to concentrate their efforts on ensuring accuracy.

Second, the Electoral College provides decisive victories. There will be about 130 million votes cast this year. Numbers this large are hard for most people to comprehend, and the differences between the two major candidates can seem negligible.

In 2012, the difference between President Barack Obama's and Mitt Romney's vote totals was only about 5 million votes out of 127 million cast. Some elections are much closer, and such small margins can seem unclear and inconclusive. The Electoral College tends to make victories appear clear and margins distinct. In 2012, despite the 4 percent margin in the popular vote, the Electoral College vote was a decisive 332 to 206.

Such numbers are easy to interpret and provide newly elected presidents with the legitimacy they need to govern. This year, Donald Trump has flirted with the idea of not conceding the election to Hillary Clinton, because according to him, "It's rigged." If the current opinion polls stay true, Hillary Clinton likely will

By **JOSEPH E. USCINSKI**

Miami Herald



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win. Her victory in the Electoral College, which is currently expected to be large, will make any claims of "rigging" look ludicrous.

Third, the Electoral College isolates problems—if there are any—to specific states. If there is to be a question about the sanctity or accuracy of the vote count, the Electoral College effectively isolates those questions to specific states. In 2000, when there were questions about the outcome, the subsequent litigation and recount were isolated to a few counties in one state (Florida).

In 2004, there were questions about the close outcome, but again, those questions were isolated to Ohio. Imagine if the recount in 2000 were to take place in every precinct in every state across the country. There would be widespread and endless challenges, litigation and chaos. The Electoral College prevents this.

American elections are messy business. There are primaries, caucuses, general elections and electors. There is nothing simple about our system. But the Electoral College, despite its faults, makes the business of electing a president much less messy.

And it just may be a lifesaver this year.

## On Veterans Day, welcoming all who serve

By **BRIAN DUFFY**

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

**I**magine sitting around the dinner table on Monday, Sept. 10, 2001, hypothesizing whether America's military could fight a two-front war for 15-plus years with just an all-volunteer force. No one would have said yes, but the fact our military has—and continues to do so magnificently—is a testament to the high caliber of young patriots who care about protecting our friends and families and defeating our enemies.

Now take that conversation back a century ago to a war-torn Europe that many Americans regarded as "not our fight."

This year marks the eve of America's entrance into World War I, the War to End All Wars, and ultimately, the war from which the modern day Veterans Day was born.

Unfortunately, too few Americans today know the true significance of Veterans Day, and even fewer are able to differentiate its significance from that of Memorial Day, Independence Day, or our other military-unique days.

Simply put, Memorial Day commemorates our fallen servicemen and women, Independence Day celebrates our nation's freedom, and Veterans Day salutes all who served, regardless of where or when.

Veterans Day was birthed from the cessation of hostilities between the Allies and Germany on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, Nov. 11 would go on to become an official U.S. holiday in 1926, and following World War II and the Korean War, would be renamed Veterans Day in 1954 as a day to honor all veterans of all wars and eras—past, present and future.

Veterans Day is our holiday, but it comes with a responsibility to properly welcome home all who serve, to help them transition back into our communities, and to help them obtain the benefits and programs they earned from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Veterans Day also comes with the responsibility to educate the many who have never experienced the honor of swearing an oath of allegiance not only to the Constitution of the United States but to our battle buddies, as well.

In my position as the national commander of America's oldest and largest major war veterans' organization, I have the high honor of working for and giving back to veterans, service members and their families every day. To me, every day is Veterans Day, and I invite every American to adopt the same mindset, because America remains the land of the free because of the brave.

On this and every day, Happy Veterans Day!

*Brian Duffy is the national commander of the 1.7 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its auxiliary. Readers may email him at Chief@vfw.org.*

## Remembering Uncle Ernie and other veterans who need our help

By **CAROLE BASS**

THE HARTFORD COURANT

**F**our of my grandmother's brothers served in World War II. Three returned safe and sound: Steve from the Army, Charlie from the Merchant Marine, Jimmy from the Navy.

And then, there was my mother's Uncle Ernie.

He sat on the couch in a white T-shirt, watching TV and smoking cigarettes. His manner was shy, his gaze indirect. I never saw him act angry or even unfriendly, but he was so withdrawn that sometimes, staring at the TV, he seemed catatonic.

As a child, I was told that Ernie suffered from "shell shock," an old World War I diagnosis. Ernie's affliction was likely similar to what we call post-traumatic stress disorder.

I've thought about Ernie this fall, as I researched my family history and as Veterans Day approached. We still have far too many veterans returning from combat with debilitating psychological injuries. And, although the diagnoses and treatments have evolved, we offer too little to these men and women.

It wasn't patriotic zeal that prompted Ernie to join the Marine Corps in July 1941, four months before Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. It was the Great Depression. The second youngest of nine children, he was unable to find factory work in Passaic, N.J., where his family had moved from Pennsylvania. So, Ernie enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps and, after his one-year stint ended, he turned to another public employment program: the military.

In the summer of 1942, Ernie shipped out to Guadalcanal in the South Pacific—the first major U.S. offensive against the Japanese. The brutal, six-month battle of attrition killed 7,100 Allied troops and wounded thousands.

Those statistics probably don't include Pfc. Ernest W. Bush.

But by the time he was 23, life as Ernie knew it had ended.

The family never learned the details. Apparently the Marines sent Ernie back to The States for some R&R. He made it to San Francisco, but, then, on a train back to the East Coast, he "cracked up," in my mother's words. He spent time in naval hospitals, was discharged and sent "home to recover," his older sister Alice wrote in a letter to her son (who was awaiting deployment at Normandy). "Since Grandma can't handle him," Alice hosted Ernie at her home in Pennsylvania, where he stared at the kitchen wall, mumbling and smoking four packs of cigarettes a day.

"We fear he'll burn the house down at night," Alice wrote, "and we're both afraid of him."

Eventually, Ernie went to live at a psychiatric hospital in New Jersey. Details are skimpy, but my mother recalls that he underwent repeated electric shock treatments. Some years later, he was released. With both parents dead, his brother Steve took him in.

The situation was not ideal. While Steve was at work, the neighborhood no-goodniks lured Ernie into card games, and soon his disability payments were gone. So, Steve moved to rural south Jersey, where land was cheap. He bought a little house for himself and his new wife, and another for Ernie across the road. In the summer, Ernie tended the farm stand, where they sold corn and tomatoes. The neighbors looked out for him, making sure he didn't wander.

But most of the time, Ernie sat on the couch, smoking cigarettes and watching TV. Or at least staring at the TV: Who knows what was running through his mind? He didn't tell us. And we didn't ask. Things could have been worse, but it wasn't much of a life.

America is home to all kinds of war veterans. Many are as mentally healthy as the next person. They work, raise children, care for family members and enjoy their retirements, as did my great-uncles Steve and Charlie and Jimmy. But too many veterans suffer as Uncle Ernie did. And too many don't have a brother like Steve looking out for them.

How many Ernies live among us? How many veterans are addicted to drugs and alcohol? How many are unable to work, care for themselves or form stable, loving relationships? And what do we have to offer them?






Surely we can do better.

*Carole Bass is a journalist who lives in New Haven, Connecticut. Ernie Bush died in 1988, less than six weeks after his older brother Steve. She wrote this for the Hartford Courant.*

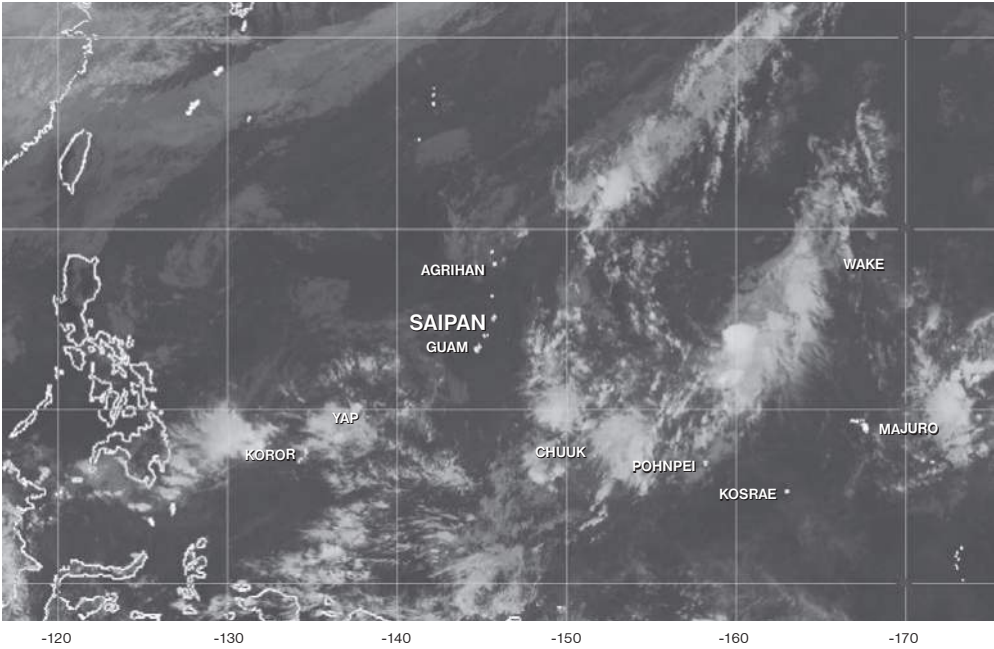


# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



**PICTURE TIME: 6:06 AM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation could be found north of Chuuk this morning near 11N154E. A weak surface trough extends northwest than north of the circulation and stretched along 150E. Light north winds prevail across the Marianas this morning. Daytime heating combined with the light winds will probably produce some clouds and showers at times...especially over Guam today and Thursday but since deep layer moisture will be lacking thunderstorms are not expected.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Afternoon clouds	78 / 86 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	81 / 84 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	80 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Mostly cloudy	76 / 83 °F
Pohnpei	Partly cloudy	77 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Afternoon clouds	81 / 84 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Sunny	57 / 69 °F
Beijing	Sunny	36 / 54 °F
Hong Kong	Afternoon clouds	62 / 78 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	69 / 80 °F
London	Mostly cloudy	42 / 50 °F
Los Angeles	Haze	64 / 84 °F
Manila	Partly sunny	75 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Mostly sunny	48 / 64 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	69 / 79 °F
New York	Mostly sunny	40 / 55 °F
Osaka	High level clouds	44 / 58 °F
Paris	Partly cloudy	40 / 51 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	47 / 59 °F
Rome	Scattered clouds	44 / 62 °F
Salem	Light showers	48 / 60 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	57 / 72 °F
Seoul	High level clouds	29 / 48 °F
Tokyo	Afternoon clouds	42 / 55 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	41 / 59 °F



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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
3:00 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.46 Feet
9:25 AM	LOW TIDE	0.32 Feet
4:11 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.96 Feet
10:44 PM	LOW TIDE	0.58 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Monday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	2:19 PM	1:37 AM
Friday	3:06 PM	2:34 AM
Saturday	3:54 PM	3:32 AM
Sunday	4:45 PM	4:32 AM
Monday	5:38 PM	5:34 AM

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UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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# 2016 General Election



Voters line up in front of Dandan Middle School's cafeteria early in the morning on Nov. 8.

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Supporters of independent candidates pose for a photo in front of Dandan Middle School on Nov. 8.

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People hold a rally on behalf of their preferred candidates at the Dandan Middle School on Nov. 8.

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A group of supporters wave at oncoming cars under the comfort of their tent at Dandan Middle School on Nov. 8.

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Matua Riding Group poses for a photo while several members vote in Dandan Middle School on Nov. 8.

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Several supporters of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan hold up his sign in front of the Koblerville Youth Center on Nov. 8.

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Independent party supporters and candidates pose for a photo at the Koblerville Youth Center on Nov. 8.

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A woman with a Kilili umbrella waves to potential voters at the Koblerville Youth Center on Nov. 8.

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Supporters of Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero, as well as the candidate himself, pose for a photo during their rally at the Koblerville Youth Center on Nov. 8.

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Guest speaker Gus Kaipat livens up the atmosphere during a rally at the Koblerville Youth Center on Nov. 8.

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# New discoveries are made about ocean's 'skin'

**HAGATÑA, Guam**—Schmidt Ocean Institute's research vessel *Falkor* returned yesterday with a diverse crew of scientists who have newly found characteristics of the ocean's "skin," also known as the sea surface microlayer. These findings have important implications for understanding the ocean's role in climate change and advancing broader understanding of ocean properties.

"The sea-surface microlayer plays a vital role in the uptake and release of greenhouse gases, including methane and carbon dioxide via the ocean," said chief scientist Oliver Wurl from the University of Oldenburg. "Even the latest models ignore what happens at the sea surface. We hope this research will change that helping to inform computer models to improve forecasts of climate change."

The science team left Darwin, Australia, 31 days ago and completed 17 sampling stations along their transit, capturing several unique discoveries in the microlayer. Some of these surprising



Schmidt Ocean Institute's research vessel *Falkor*.

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results came from the first air-sea investigation with a cyanobacteria bloom (a potentially toxic blue-green bacteria), as well as the discovery of widespread tiny copepods scattering in the layer (extremely tiny crustaceans), demonstrating a previously unknown distribution.

With the same thickness of a human hair, chemists, biolo-

gists, geologists, and oceanographers used sensors attached to a multitude of vehicles to better study the microlayer. A remote-controlled catamaran, unmanned aerial vehicle, and kayak were used to collect water samples and data from the atmosphere. The unmanned aircraft took off from research vessel *Falkor*, scanning the sea surface with hyperspectral

Co-chief scientist Christopher Zappa from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University was pleased with the success of the unmanned aerial vehicles, which had never flown over open ocean before.

"It has been almost six years since the design of the instruments began," said Zappa. "The vehicles and instrument payloads performed how they were supposed to, allowing us to gather some very interesting data of the ocean's surface in high resolution."

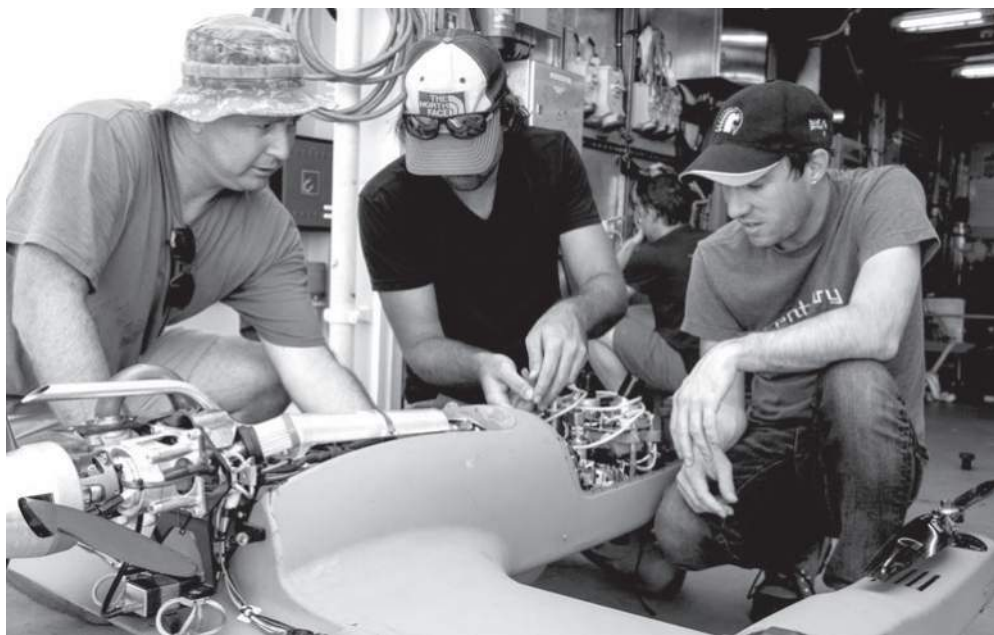
These specialized tools were deployed to explore trace metals, greenhouse gas exchange, wind and wave effects on air-sea transfer, and microbial communities. The team will now interpret and correlate these distinct but interconnected data sets.

"This is no easy feat with over 400 water samples," said co-chief scientist Bill Landing from Florida State University. "This data set is the first of its kind, incorporating data from many disciplines."

The Schmidt Ocean Institute was created by Eric and Wendy Schmidt in 2009 to enable

research that expands understanding of the world's ocean using advanced technology, intelligent observation, and the open sharing of information. Annually the organization invites select scientific teams from around the world to carry out collaborative oceanographic research and technology development aboard its 272-foot research vessel, *Falkor*, launched in 2012. For more information visit [www.schmidtocan.org](http://www.schmidtocan.org). (PR)

## » Discoveries made about boundary between atmosphere, ocean



Scientists check out the integrated camera aboard research vessel *Falkor*.

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This remote-controlled catamaran was one of the equipment used to collect water samples and data from the atmosphere.

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One of the scientists aboard the Schmidt Ocean Institute's research vessel *Falkor*.

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This diverse crew of scientists have newly found characteristics of the ocean's "skin," also known as the sea surface microlayer.

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# Business

## United Airlines hosts FlyerTalk Tours in Guam

**TAMUNING, Guam**—FlyerTalk, the largest online expert travel community in the world with over 650,000 members, recently chose Guam as a location to visit and raise funds for charity. This is the first time that FlyerTalk has ventured outside the continental U.S. for a familiarization tour.

Guam's unique tropical location, coupled with the vast infrastructure of United's hub operation, were factors in deciding to bring the group to Guam. The group arrived at Guam on United's island hopper flight via Honolulu.

FlyerTalk co-founder Richard Baum said, "We are a group of aviation buffs who enjoy flying and giving back to the people who serve the aviation industry. We wanted to fly United's legendary island hopper flight, as it is truly a unique experience. Most of us had never taken it and had never been to Guam, so it seemed like a natural combination."



While in Guam, the group visited United's Guam airport operations and was able to

get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to run an important hub operation like Guam. United's Guam leadership team provided tours and a *Håfa Adai* welcome reception to the group that was also accompanied by Inside Flyer, another online community started by the original owner

of FlyerTalk.

During the group's visit in Guam, FlyerTalk's charitable organization Frequent Flyer Giving held a silent auction in an effort to raise funds for the United We Care Employee Relief Fund, which

offers timely and short-term crisis relief to those in the United family needing basic financial assistance unavailable through other resources.

Justin Marion, United's general manager, Guam, said, "We are proud

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In the photo, from left, Richard Baum, FlyerTalk co-founder; Justin Marion, United's general manager, Guam; and Justin Lynn, FlyerTalk co-founder, at the United Club, A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam.

that the FlyerTalk team chose United and Guam. The organization provides useful information to the traveling public and also contributes to important charities such as United We Care. Additionally, we were able to share the *Håfa Adai* spirit that Guam and United are known for."

FlyerTalk is an online forum that features discussions and chat boards that cover the most up-to-date travel information. An interactive online community, FlyerTalk is dedicated to providing travelers with the latest information about travel programs, airline miles and points and general travel, airports, destinations and dining information. For more information, visit [flyertalk.com](http://flyertalk.com).

United Airlines and United Express operate more than 4,500 flights a day to 339 airports across five continents. For more information, visit [united.com](http://united.com). (**United**)

## OPEC sees oil prices rising more slowly amid glut of crude oil

**DALLAS (AP)**—OPEC now sees oil prices rising more slowly over the next few years than it had expected, as the oversupply of crude takes longer to work off.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said Tuesday it expects crude will rise \$5 a barrel by 2020. A year ago, OPEC forecast that oil would hit \$80 by 2020.

Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, fell 11 cents to \$46.04 a barrel on Tuesday.

OPEC cited many factors that could limit energy demand, from slower growth in China to higher household debt. The cartel expects global economic growth of 3.4 percent over six years, down from a 3.6 percent prediction a year ago.

At the same time, OPEC said, the oil industry was surprised by the ability of producers in North America to keep pumping even as prices fell, maintaining crude supplies high.

The forecast was contained in OPEC's annual oil outlook and came just three weeks before its oil ministers are scheduled to meet to complete a September agreement on slightly reducing production to drive up prices.

It won't be easy for OPEC to nail down a price-boost-

ing deal.

OPEC nations have been pumping record amounts of crude this fall even though prices are less than half what they were in mid-2014. Iran, Libya and Nigeria have reportedly argued to be exempted from production cuts, which could put pressure on Saudi Arabia to shoulder more of the reduction. And it's unclear whether any OPEC pullback might be offset by production from countries outside the cartel.

Separately, the U.S. government updated its short-term outlook and said that the recent decline in domestic oil production may not be as severe as expected just a month ago.

The Energy Department raised its forecast of U.S. production for both this year and 2017, as drillers respond to higher crude prices. Still, output won't match 2015, which was the biggest year for U.S. production since 1972.

The Energy Department predicted that domestic production will top 8.7 million barrels per day next year. That's 140,000 more barrels per day than the department estimated just a month ago. Forecasters also raised their estimate of 2016 daily oil production by 110,000 barrels to more than 8.8 million barrels.

## Thanksgiving Day shopping is here to stay—with some tweaks

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Thanksgiving Day shopping—a delight to some, an anathema to others—isn't going away, but some stores are rethinking their strategies on whether it makes sense to be open on the holiday itself.

Many of the nation's major mall operators and the big retailers that anchor them, such as Toys R Us, J.C. Penney, and Macy's, are sticking with what they want to be a new tradition, kicking off the holiday shopping season on Thanksgiving Day.

Others, including the Mall

of America, the nation's largest shopping mall, are closing for Thanksgiving this year after being open for the past several years. Some retailers that are closing cite respect for the holiday, but in truth the cost of being open may be more than the return.

"Once you let the genie out of the bottle, it's hard," said Stephen D. Lebovitz, president and CEO of CBL & Associates Properties, a mall operator that is closing 72 of its malls for the day. "More retailers are coming to their senses and realizing it is a family holiday and from

a business point of view, it's not making much business sense."

Stores being open on Thanksgiving started in earnest in 2011 and took a punch out of sales on Black Friday, which had usually launched the shopping season. Many places like Macy's, Target and J.C. Penney have been opening earlier and earlier on Thanksgiving as they try to outdo others to get first dibs on customers who could easily buy online. But the move has been controversial, as many workers have voiced complaints that stores are putting

profits over workers' time to be with their families.

Some 89 of the 145 properties that Chattanooga, Tennessee-based CBL owns or has interest in opened at 6 p.m. on the holiday last year. While dozens of those will be closed this year, the department stores, movie theaters, restaurants and retailers with exterior entrances have the option to open on Thanksgiving. Other retailers including Office Depot and consumer electronics chain hhgregg Inc. plan to be closed after being open for the past several years.

## Thin peaks: Britons grumble as Toblerone chocolate shrinks

**GENEVA (AP)**—More valleys, fewer peaks: The maker of Toblerone Swiss chocolate has widened the spaces in some of its iconic, triangle-array bars, offering about 10 percent less product for the same price. Fans are outraged.

The multinational says the move—which affects products globally, though mainly in Britain—was necessary to cope with higher prices for ingredients. But many consumers are livid at the perceived sleight of hand and the change to the traditional look of the treat, first created in 1908 in Switzerland.

"The shape of the bar may have looked like the Swiss Alps before, now it's a bit more Holland," said British consumer Tony Mathews.

For many, the Toblerone is linked to travel—a gift purchased at the airport before boarding a plane home—though it is increasingly available in supermarkets and shops.

Mondelez International, based in Deerfield, Illinois, said that pricing targets by U.K. discount customer Poundland prompted the change in Britain. It said the retailer, which sells goods for one pound (\$1.22), resisted a

price increase, leading to the solution of offering less chocolate instead.

Poundland declined to comment.

Mondelez said that Britain's vote to leave the European Union was not to blame. But it comes as British food retailers have faced rising prices for imported goods due to the drop in the value of the pound since the June vote.

In a shift akin to widening a donut's hole, the tweak in Britain involves shrinking a 170-gram Toblerone sold by British discounters like Poundland to 150 grams, said Mondelez

spokeswoman Heide Hauer. The price remains the same.

Some British consumers likened the new shape to a toothless comb, others to the mouth of a crocodile. Some joked about how the issue was grabbing headlines on the same day as Americans were electing a new president.

The signature 100-gram Toblerone bar and other vendors are not affected, Hauer said. But Toblerone also has trimmed its super-sized 400 gram product—often sold in airports—to 360 grams globally, for the same recommended retail price, said Hauer.



# Nation

## 3 states OK recreational pot; executions back in Nebraska

**NEW YORK (AP)**—California, Massachusetts and Nevada voted to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, giving a huge boost to the campaign to allow pot nationwide. Six more states also voted on marijuana measures, while others voted on gun control and capital punishment.

In Nebraska, voters reinstated the death penalty, reversing the Legislature's decision last year to repeal capital punishment. Nebraska has not executed an inmate since 1997; 10 men currently sit on death row.

Colorado voters approved a measure that will allow physicians to assist a terminally ill person in dying. That's already a practice in five other states. Coloradans defeated a proposal that would have set up the nation's first universal health care system.

In all, there were more than 150 measures appearing on statewide ballots. California led the pack with 17 ballot questions, including one that would require actors in porn movies to wear condoms



**AP**  
Different strains of marijuana are displayed during a rally in support of Prop 64 at Sparc Dispensary Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, in San Francisco.

message to federal officials that it's time to stop arresting and incarcerating marijuana users," said Rob Kampia, executive director of the pro-legalization Marijuana Policy Project.

If "yes" votes prevailed across the board, more than 23 percent of the U.S. population will live in states where recreational pot is legal. The jurisdictions where that's already the case—Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington state and the District of Columbia—have less than 6 percent of the population.

Another hot-button issue—gun control—was on the ballot in four states, including California, which already has some of the nation's toughest gun-related laws. Proposition 63 would outlaw possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, require permits to buy ammunition and extend California's unique program that allows authorities to seize firearms from owners who bought guns legally but are no longer allowed to own them.

Washington state approved a ballot measure that will allow judges to issue orders temporarily seizing guns from individuals who are deemed a threat.

## Americans register anger, desire for change with their votes

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Americans emphatically declared their anger at government and their desire for change Tuesday as they decided between two presidential candidates who failed to generate much excitement.

Exit polls recorded the simmering discontent of the American electorate.

Four in 10 voters said they were hungry for change, and those voters overwhelmingly favored Republican Donald Trump. Smaller voting blocs who were seeking a candidate with good judgment, experience or who cared about them favored Hillary Clinton.

Nearly 7 in 10 voters said they were unhappy with the way the government is working, including a quarter who said they were outright angry, according to preliminary results of exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks by Edison Research.

Three-fourths of those angry voters backed Trump.

Six in 10 voters said the country is on the wrong track.

Other findings from the exit poll:

### WORKING-CLASS WHITES vs. CLINTON COALITION

Trump dominated among white voters, especially non-college-educated men; Clinton's coalition was made up of women,

minorities and young people.

Trump, who once famously declared that he loved the uneducated, got plenty of love back from white voters who never graduated from college: He got 7 in 10 votes from non-college-educated white men and 6 in 10 votes from non-college-educated white women.

The advantage Trump had among whites without a college degree compared with whites who graduated from college was the largest seen in exit polls for a Republican since the surveys started in 1972.

Clinton, meanwhile, got the support of less than a quarter of white men without a college degree; Barack Obama, by contrast, drew about a third of their votes four years ago.

### TIMES TWO

What kind of impact did third-party candidates Gary Johnson and Jill Stein have on the race? They siphoned more votes from Clinton than from Trump.

A quarter of Johnson and Stein voters said they would have backed Clinton if they had to pick between the two major-party candidates. About 15 percent would have backed Trump.

### RACIAL SPLIT

Even with his tough talk about Mexican immigrants, Trump held on to roughly the same

whether to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. The results were hailed as historic by legalization activists, given that California is the most populous state.

Five states, including Arizona and Maine, considered

share of Hispanic voters as Romney had claimed four years ago. Likewise, he was drawing about the same levels of support from black voters as Romney won.

The Republican was drawing about a quarter of Hispanic voters and about less than 1 in 10 black voters.

### TO BE HONEST ...

Neither Trump nor Clinton gets bragging rights when it comes to honesty.

About 6 out of 10 voters said they don't view Clinton as honest and about the same share felt the same way about Trump.

### THE GENDER GAP

It was the working-class white men backing Trump who helped to produce a gender gap with a capital "G" for Clinton.

Tuesday's election was on track to produce the largest gender gaps since the exit poll began: The gender gap for Clinton—the difference between the number of men who voted for her and the number of women who voted for her—hit 13 percentage points.

Clinton's support among women was roughly even with the support that women gave Obama in 2008 and 2012.

### MILLENNIALS VS. ELDERS

Clinton managed to hang on to the millennials who were such

Massachusetts became the first state east of the Rockies to join the movement.

Voters in Arkansas, Florida and North Dakota approved measures allowing marijuana

a big part of Obama's winning coalition.

### PESSIMISM AND ANGER

There were grim strains woven into voter sentiments as they cast their ballots.

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### HOLDING THEIR NOSES

Americans held their noses as they picked between Clinton and Trump: More than half of voters cast their ballots with reservations about their candidate or because they disliked the others running.

That was true both for those backing Clinton and those supporting Trump, the exit polls showed.

After a long, hard-fought campaign, just 4 out of 10 voters strongly favored their candidate.

### WOMEN'S ISSUES VS. EMAIL ISSUES

After all of the sound and fury over Trump's treatment of women, it turned out the issue bothered half of all voters a lot—and women were more concerned about it than men.

About 6 in 10 women were bothered a lot, compared to about 4 in 10 men, the exit poll found.

use for medical purposes. Montanans voted on whether to ease restrictions on an existing medical marijuana law.

Florida, where the pot measure was backed by 71 percent of the voters, and Arkansas became the first states in the South with full-scale medical marijuana programs, which exist in 25 other states.

Collectively, it was the closest the U.S. has ever come to a national referendum on marijuana, which remains prohibited under federal law.

"These votes send a clear

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Authorities: 3rd body found on South Carolina man's property

**WOODRUFF, S.C. (AP)**—Investigators discovered a third body on the property of a South Carolina man who is now linked to seven deaths and the kidnapping of a woman who was found chained inside a storage container, authorities said Monday. Todd Kohlhepp, 45, became a suspect after the woman was found Thursday chained by her neck and ankle in a metal storage container on his 95-acre property near rural Woodruff. The body of her boyfriend was found a day later. The couple had been missing for about two months. The other remains were found near one another Sunday and Monday, and authorities are not sure who they are. Investigators were expected back at the property on Tuesday, but Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said he didn't think there were any more bodies.

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#### 2 dead, including gunman, in shooting near California polls

**AZUSA, Calif. (AP)**—A gunman with an assault rifle killed a man and critically wounded two women Tuesday in a California neighborhood near two polling sites that were shut down before the attacker was found dead inside a nearby home, authorities said. One polling place was reopened hours after a gunbattle involving the gunman and Azusa police. The shooting "had nothing to do with the ballot or voting," Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. John Corina said. "It just happened to be across the street from the park where the voting was taking place and also an elementary school" that was being used as a polling site. "Nobody was shooting at those locations," Corina said.



# Asia

## Court says dictator Marcos can be buried at heroes' cemetery

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippines' Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos can be buried at a heroes' cemetery, a decision that opponents said rolled back the democratic triumph of the "people power" revolt that ousted the strongman three decades ago.

"While he was not all good," the 15-member court said in passing judgment on one of Asia's most infamous strongmen, "he was not pure evil either."

Court spokesman Theodore Te said the justices voted 9-5 with one abstention to dismiss petitions opposing President Rodrigo Duterte's approval of the Marcos family's plea for the dictator to be buried at the Heroes' Cemetery in metropolitan Manila, where former presidents, soldiers and national artists have been interred.

The decision on a deeply emotional issue that has divided the poor Southeast Asian nation can be appealed.

Outside the court, more than 300 Marcos supporters erupted in celebration, chanting the dictator's name repeatedly. Some waved Philippine flags and wept in joy. Anti-Marcos activists were outraged, and some of the petitioners vowed to ask the court to reconsider.

Riot police stood between the opposing groups.

"We are disappointed. We are heartbroken. We are out-

raged," a coalition of nearly 40 groups opposed to Marcos's burial at the cemetery said in a joint statement. "With this decision, the very definition of hero is now in question."

Sen. Risa Hontiveros, an anti-Marcos activist in her younger years, lamented the decision. "No tombstone, no grandiose cemetery can change the fact that Marcos was not a hero," she said in a statement. "He was a plunderer, torturer and a thief with a family seeking to rewrite history to serve their interests."

The dictator's son and namesake, former Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., thanked the high court for its "magnanimous act to uphold the rule of law" and expressed his gratitude to Duterte.

"It is our sincerest hope that this will lead the nation towards healing," Marcos Jr. said in a statement, citing the decades of discord over his father's burial.

The Marcos family did not immediately announce a burial date.

Burying a dictator accused of massive rights violations and corruption by thousands of activists and dissenters at the heroes' cemetery has long been an emotional issue in the Philippines, where Marcos was ousted by a largely non-violent army-backed uprising in 1986. At the height of the political turbulence, Marcos



flew to Hawaii, where he lived with his wife, Imelda, and children in exile until he died in 1989.

The Philippine revolt became a harbinger of change in

authoritarian regimes worldwide.

The Marcoses, however, have repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. The late dictator's wife, Imelda, and two

of his children eventually ran for public office and won in a stunning political comeback. Marcos Jr. ran for vice president in May and garnered more than 14 million votes,

Gov. Imee Marcos, the eldest daughter of the late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos, talks to reporters as she joins supporters in marching towards the Supreme Court for an overnight vigil Monday, Nov. 7, 2016 for the possible ruling on whether Marcos will be buried or not at the Heroes Cemetery in Manila, Philippines.

but lost by a slim margin.

In 1993, Marcos's body was flown back to his hometown in the northern province of Ilocos Norte, where it has been displayed in a glass coffin and became a tourist attraction. But his family fought for his remains to be transferred to the heroes' cemetery.

Duterte, who took over the presidency in June, backed the dictator's burial at the cemetery, citing Marcos's privilege as a president and soldier, and taking a political risk in a country where pro-democracy advocates still celebrate Marcos's ouster each year.

## India scraps high currency notes overnight to fight graft

**NEW DELHI** (AP)—India scrapped its highest-denomination currency notes overnight, delivering a blow to black-market money launderers but plunging hundreds of millions of common citizens holding cash savings into fear and uncertainty.

Within hours of Prime Minister Narendra Modi announcing the surprise move in a televised address, people thronged to ATMs, standing in long lines in hopes of grabbing bills that might still be in circulation on Wednesday.

As of midnight Tuesday,

all 500- and 1,000-rupee notes—worth about \$7.50 and \$15—had no cash value. Modi assured that people holding the discontinued notes would be able to deposit them in banks and post office savings accounts before the end of the year, and that new bills for 500 and 2,000 rupees were being printed and sent quickly to banks.

He said anyone making large bank deposits in the coming weeks would find themselves the target of Indian tax authorities.

"A few people are spreading corruption for their own

benefit," he said in the speech. "There is a time when you realize that you have to bring some change in society, and this is our time."

For a few days, the old bills would still be accepted at hospitals, petrol stations, crematoria and for other businesses and services deemed essential.

Banks applauded the move as the strongest-ever measure against the parallel, black economy, and pledged to quickly restock their cash reserves with the newly printed bills.

"It's a good measure," said Anuj Mathur, a banker who

was among more than two dozen people lined up outside a south New Delhi ATM machine at about 10 p.m. Tuesday. It will be inconvenient for a few days, but "this will clean up the system."

India's economy—and its tax base—has long been hobbled by a culture of what is known here as "black money," with business people using cash to avoid paying taxes. Raids on corrupt politicians and businesses regularly turn up people holding millions of dollars' worth of rupees, with cash sometimes filling dozens of boxes.

## South Korean president's concession could spell end of power

**SEOUL, South Korea** (AP)—Scrambling to defuse a massive scandal, South Korean President Park Geun-hye on Tuesday conceded to lawmakers the power to name her new prime minister, a move that could seriously hurt, or even destroy, her ability to govern.

Park, who has faced tens of thousands of protesters and an investigation into whether a mysterious confidante manipulated government decisions, made the overture during a meeting with National Assembly Speaker Chung Sye-kyun.

Just being forced to work with a deputy named by lawmakers—previously a decision left up to the president—would weaken her ability to make basic decisions and influence power in the assembly.

But lawmakers, who must still settle on a prime minister nominee, are demanding even more. Some opposition members want the president to divorce herself from all domestic affairs and focus only on foreign matters, while others want her to stay out of government completely.

These scenarios would destroy Park's authority as president during her last 15 months in office, forcing her to voluntarily yield large parts, or maybe even all, of her presidential powers to a prime minister named by an opposition-controlled legislature.

Even so, it is still unclear what the splintered assembly will decide on, or when—or what Park will agree to. Park's ruling party is divided between those who support Park

and those who don't, and the opposition, while having more members than the ruling party, is also split into factions.

The prime minister is largely a ceremonial job, though by law he or she directs executive ministries under the order of the president and has other important rights. There have always been calls to give the office more power to balance the large role the president has.

Last week Park nominated a new prime minister, but he is likely to withdraw from consideration after Park allowed the legislature to pick a new nominee. The current nominee, Kim Byong-joon, told reporters that he would be in charge of social and economic issues and fully exercise the rights as a prime minister if his nomination received

parliamentary approval. Park's office said Tuesday those conditions endorsed by Park would still stand for a new nominee.

The political tug-of-war over the prime minister comes amid a scandal involving Park's longtime confidante, Choi Soon-sil, who has no official government role. Investigators are looking into whether Choi made major government decisions and used her relationship with Park to force companies to donate money to two foundations controlled by Choi.

Earlier Tuesday, South Korean prosecutors raided the Seoul office of Samsung Electronics, the nation's largest and most valuable company, in connection with the scandal.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### India and Pakistan exchange fire in Kashmir, 4 dead

**MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan** (AP)—Indian and Pakistani troops once again traded fire across the Line of Control in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir on Tuesday, killing three civilians and wounding four others on the Pakistani side, and killing one Indian soldier, officials said. Chaudhary Muhammad Altaf, a local administrator in the Pakistan-controlled part of Kashmir, said that Indian troops fired shells and mortars in frontier villages. He said one shell hit a house, killing a woman, her daughter and wounding another person who died on the way to a hospital. He said four civilians were wounded in other villages along the Line of Control. On Monday, Indian fire killed three civilians and wounded six other in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, officials said.

#### British banker guilty of murdering Indonesians in Hong Kong

**HONG KONG** (AP)—A British banker was convicted of murder Tuesday for killing two Indonesian women in Hong Kong, torturing one of them over three days while using cocaine in a gruesome case that shocked the Chinese financial hub. The nine-person jury returned unanimous verdicts against Rurik Jutting after a two-week trial in the High Court. The slayings in 2014 and disclosures as the case developed highlighted Hong Kong's significant inequality as well as the decadent lifestyles of some members of the former British colony's expatriate elite. Jutting bowed his head briefly as the verdicts were read out to a packed courtroom but otherwise showed little reaction. He was given an automatic mandatory life sentence.



# World

## UN report: Human footprint 'increasingly visible' in climate

**MARRAKECH, Morocco** (AP)—Hot and wild and with an “increasingly visible human footprint”—that’s how the U.N. weather agency sums up the global climate in the past five years.

In a report released Tuesday at international climate talks in Morocco, the World Meteorological Organization said 2011-2015 was the hottest five-year period on record.

That comes as no surprise as WMO’s annual reports have showed record average temperatures in 2014 and 2015. But the agency said the five-year report provides a better overview of warming trends and extreme events such as prolonged droughts and recurrent heatwaves.

“We just had the hottest five-year period on record, with 2015 claiming the title of hottest individual year. Even that record is likely to be beaten in 2016,” said WMO Secretary-

General Petteri Taalas.

The WMO’s preliminary climate assessment for 2016 is set to be released next week.

While it’s complicated to draw links between single weather events and climate change, the report found that many extreme events during the period were made more likely as a result of man-made climate change. In the case of some extreme high temperatures, the probability increased by a factor of 10 or more, the report said.

“Examples include the record high seasonal and annual temperatures in the United States in 2012 and in Australia in 2013, hot summers in eastern Asia and western Europe in 2013, heatwaves in spring and autumn 2014 in Australia, record annual warmth in Europe in 2014, and a heatwave in Argentina in December 2013,” WMO said.

The report found no strong climate change link for ex-

treme rainfall events.

### Other highlights:

■ Arctic summer sea ice coverage was 28 percent below the 1981-2010 average, reaching a record low in 2012. By contrast the Antarctic sea ice was above average, especially the winter maximum.

■ Surface melting of the Greenland ice sheet—a contributor to rising seas—continued at above-average levels, exceeding the 1981-2010 average in all five years from 2011 to 2015. Mountain glaciers also continued their decline.

■ Snow cover in the northern hemisphere was “well below average” in all five years, continuing a strong downward trend.

Climate scientists who were not involved with the report said it underscored the need for governments to boost efforts to fight climate change beyond their pledges for last year’s landmark Paris Agreement.

## In a field south of Mosul, investigators probe mass grave

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—The stench of death drew Iraqi soldiers to the unsettled plot of land freshly liberated from Islamic State fighters.

When a bulldozer scraped the ground, bones poked from just beneath the surface, along with clothing scraps, garbage bags, human remains swarming with flies—and even a child’s stuffed animal.

About 100 bodies, many of them decapitated, are suspected to be buried in what is likely the latest mass grave left by the retreating jihadis, officials said.

Investigators on Tuesday began their probe of the site, located near an agricultural school

in the town of Hamam al-Alil.

The gruesome discovery by troops advancing on militant-held Mosul fits a pattern in territory retaken from IS. The extremist group killed hundreds as it swept across northern and central parts of Iraq in 2014 and is believed to have carried out a brutal crackdown since the Oct. 17 start of an offensive to recapture the country’s second-largest city.

“Investigators flew in this morning,” said Haider Majeed, a Cabinet official in charge of mass grave inquiries. “They’re conducting examinations to determine the cause of death.”

It was unclear who the vic-

tims were, although the discovery of a stuffed animal raised the harrowing possibility that children may be among the dead.

In Geneva, the U.N. human rights office said it was investigating if the site was connected to reports about the alleged killing of police in the same area.

“We had reports that 50 former Iraqi police officers had been killed in a building outside Mosul,” spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani said. “This building was actually the same agricultural facility, agricultural college, that has been cited right now as the site of these mass graves.”

## Turkey, Syrian Kurds at loggerheads over Raqqa offensive

**ANKARA, Turkey** (AP)—Turkey said Tuesday that the U.S.-backed and Kurdish-led forces leading an assault on the Islamic State stronghold of Raqqa should not enter the city itself but merely help encircle it, a suggestion dismissed by the Kurds.

The dispute between the two U.S. allies threatens to complicate efforts to drive IS out of Raqqa, the de facto capital of the extremist group’s self-described caliphate.

The U.S.-backed Syria Democratic Forces, which include Kurdish, Arab and Turkmen fighters, have driven IS from large swaths of territory, but Turkey views the Syrian Kurds who dominate the

group as an extension of the Kurdish insurgency raging in its southeast.

Turkey has sent its own forces across the border to back Syrian opposition fighters, and has suggested they lead the offensive to retake Raqqa. The Turkey-backed forces, now pushing toward the IS stronghold of al-Bab, have clashed with IS as well as the SDF.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Turkey-backed opposition fighters captured six villages near al-Bab on Tuesday and are now about 4 miles (7 kilometers) from the town.

Turkish Foreign Minister

Mevlut Cavusoglu told reporters that the U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Joseph Dunford, told Turkish officials during a recent visit that Kurdish-led forces would only have a role in encircling Raqqa and would not enter the city.

“We hope that this will be the case and we expect that our partners keep their promises,” Cavusoglu said. He said “local” fighters aided by Turkish special forces should drive IS out of Raqqa, and suggested that residents of the mainly Sunni Arab city might not welcome Kurdish forces.

“We should not force the people to choose between two evils,” he said.

# Environment

## Elephant poachers are hard at work



The overall elephant population has seen the worst declines in 25 years, mainly due to poaching over the past 10 years, according to the African Elephant Status Report launched by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources on March 1, 2016 in Samburu, Kenya.

By **AMINA KHAN**  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Elephant poaching is alive and well — and the elephants are not. A team of scientists examining seized shipments of elephant tusks from Africa have found that the vast majority of the ivory came from elephants that died within the last three years.

The sobering results, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, reveal that the killing of elephants for their ivory is continuing at a disturbing pace — even as elephant populations across the continent are in sharp decline.

While poaching had been easing for several years, it has returned with a vengeance in the last decade or so, said lead author Thure Cerling, a geochemist at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Central African forest elephants have fallen by an estimated 62 percent from 2002 to 2011. At the Selous Wildlife Reserve in Tanzania, savanna elephants have declined 66 percent from 2009 to 2013.

“There’s been a staggering rate of elephant loss every year,” Cerling said.

Last year, in a study led by Samuel Wasser of the University of Washington, scientists analyzed the DNA locked in 28 large seizures of ivory (at least half a ton each) made between 1996 and 2004, and matched it to 1,350 DNA samples taken from dung gathered at 71 spots across 29 different countries. Now they could map the ivory’s sources, and watch as patterns of poach-

ing changed as elephants in one country dwindled or as political pressure ramped up.

But some suggested that these seized shipments might not be ivory from recently killed animals, but old ivory “leaking” out of government stockpiles.

“Some people were saying, well, we don’t need to worry so much because there’s big stockpiles of ivory, so we’re getting legacy ivory into the market ... and other people were saying, no, no, no, these are all recent deaths,” Cerling said.

To answer that question, the researchers analyzed 231 samples of ivory taken from 14 large caches (at least half a ton) confiscated between 2002 and 2014. They analyzed the carbon-14 in the pulp cavity inside the ivory, using a sample taken near the base — which would record the last two or three months of growth before the elephant died.

Scientists can figure out exactly how long ago an elephant died thanks to the Cold War-fueled nuclear arms race. The U.S. and Russia’s spate of nuclear testing in the 1950s and ’60s nearly doubled the global concentration of a certain carbon isotope, carbon-14, by 1963. That spike of carbon-14 is recorded in tree rings, in the bottom of the oceans, even in our own teeth. Because this isotope’s abundance has been declining at a well-known rate in the years since, scientists can use the carbon-14 concentration to tell when a living tissue first formed.

The researchers found that some 90 percent of the ivory was taken from animals that

died less than three years before the ivory was seized by government officials. Out of 231 analyzed specimens, only one had a lag time longer than six years, the authors wrote.

“That means all of the ivory that’s being seized by customs is (from) very recently killed elephants,” Cerling said. “So indeed, the crisis is severe if we’re going to preserve this species on our planet.”

There is a small silver lining: The findings showed that “legacy” ivory was not leaking out of sealed government stockpiles, as some had feared.

“So that’s a very positive finding, that we’re not finding government officials selling old ivory or allowing that to happen,” Cerling said.

Part of the problem is that while demand for ivory in Europe and North America has dropped, markets in increasingly prosperous countries in Southeast Asia, such as China, Vietnam and the Philippines, have been growing.

“So basically in 1989 in North America and Europe, most people said OK, yeah this is a bad thing and so ivory very quickly became something that’s not a desirable object,” Cerling said. “But that’s not true in Southeast Asia — and so when their economy improved, it became a desirable object.”

Educating potential consumers in these countries is key, he added — as is working with courts to ensure that they mete out severe sentences for breaking national and international laws on poaching.

“We’ve got a lot to do,” Cerling said. “And we’ve got to do it fast.”



# Life & Style

## Election coverage an unexpected thrill ride on TV

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The presidential contest between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump turned into a made-for-TV thrill ride on Tuesday night—and a stern lesson to journalists to avoid leaping to conclusions.

Relying on polls, the media began the evening with a barely-concealed assumption that Clinton would win, only to see actual results reflect a true nail-biter. Tens of millions of

Americans followed the drama on all manner of screens.

"It is a white-knuckles kind of night," said Norah O'Donnell of CBS News.

The New York Times' Upshot blog's constantly updating meter on the chances of each candidate began by listing Clinton with an 85 percent chance of winning. Shortly after 10 p.m., it had nearly flipped completely to 79 per-

cent in favor of Trump.

It was a far different mood while the polls were still open. Vice Media and Slate collaborated on a system that combined exit polling with early voting profiles to project candidate vote totals in seven battleground states and posted the material throughout the day on Tuesday. Clinton was leading Tuesday afternoon in all seven of the states, according to the

VoteCastr model.

Television networks vowed to stick with tradition and not reveal that information. But it was hard to miss some fore-

shadowing.

Trump called in to Fox News Channel shortly after 2 p.m., where he talked about a rigged electoral system and passed up

the chance to exhort supporters to vote. Fox interviewer Martha MacCallum asked him four questions about what he might do if he lost.

## Jackie Chan reflects on 50-year career and honorary Oscar

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—As an action star, Jackie Chan never expected to get an Oscar.

So he considers receiving an honorary Academy Award from the film academy's Board of Governors his proudest professional achievement.

Chan will accept his Oscar statuette Saturday at the eighth annual Governors Awards. Film editor Anne Coates, casting director Lynn Stalmaster and documentarian Frederick Wiseman are also receiving honorary Academy Awards, which recognize lifetime achievement and contributions to the film industry.

"I never imagined that I'd receive such an award," Chan said. "I still remember my very first proudest moment was when I received an award for stunt choreography. At that time, I didn't know much about directing, I just knew how to do action and fighting sequences and stunts. Receiving this honorary award has raised my feelings to another level."

The 62-year-old writer, director, producer and actor reflected on his career in an

email interview with The Associated Press from his home base in Hong Kong. He plans to be in Los Angeles to accept his award in person.

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**AP: What was your most challenging film to make and why?**

**Chan:** "Rumble in the Bronx" had a lot of action choreography, fighting sequences, and dangerous stunts. In "Operation Condor"



Chan

I filmed in extreme temperatures of over 40 degrees Celsius in the desert. I had a near-death accident while doing a stunt in "Armor of God." In "Rush Hour," I found the English dialogue most challenging.

**AP: How does making movies in Hong Kong differ from Hollywood's approach to film?**

**Chan:** I find Hollywood's approach to film production very systematic and organized. Of course, being organized is a good thing, but sometimes I feel restrained within set rules. Hong Kong filmmaking is more dynamic because things can be changed on the set while we're still filming.

It's more flexible and encourages creativity, and if we think of something that might work, we try it right away.

**AP: What changes in the industry have been most surprising to you?**

**Chan:** Because I've been in the film industry for over 50 years, the most significant change I've noticed is the change from using 35mm film to digital technology, and even 3D filming. The improvement of technology has changed how films are now made. What we used to use back then is now part of history. I'm still fascinated by digital technology and the amount of work that can be done in post-production with CG (computer-generated) effects.

**AP: What has been your most exciting Hollywood experience?**

**Chan:** All my experiences in Hollywood have been interesting and exciting. I've learned so many new things in Hollywood, made new friends and family, such as my American Chinese brother Brett Ratner. I've had many great memorable moments while working in Hollywood. I guess the most fun was making the "Rush Hour" series.

## Elton John's photo trove displays beauty in black and white



A Tate member of staff poses in front of a wall of photographs at the press view of "The Radical Eye: Modernist Photography from the Sir Elton John Collection" exhibition at the Tate Modern gallery in London, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016.

AP

**LONDON (AP)**—He's one of the most colorful figures in rock 'n' roll, but when it comes to photography, Elton John embraces black and white.

Scores of vintage images from the musician's collection are on display in "The Radical Eye," an exhibition opening this week at London's Tate Modern.

The show displays more than 190 photos that usually line the walls of John's 18,000 square foot (1,670 square me-

ter) Atlanta apartment, one of his several homes.

If stark black and white seems too plain a palette for a musician famed for outrageous outfits and opulence, fear not—there is playfulness and pizzazz aplenty in the show.

John, who once embraced a life of rock 'n' roll excess, began buying photographs after he became sober in 1990. In the exhibition catalog, the musician says he replaced alcohol with "a much healthier addic-

## YouTube star pleads guilty to vandalism in false report case

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A gay YouTube personality has pleaded guilty to felony vandalism in an incident in which he claimed he was the victim of a hate crime.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says London-native Calum McSwiggan pleaded guilty

Monday and was sentenced to three years of supervised probation and 52 anger management sessions.

McSwiggan was charged with vandalizing a car belonging to a man who he had an altercation with outside a West Hollywood gay club in late June, then falsely claim-

ing he was beaten by the man and his friends.

The 26-year-old claimed in an Instagram post that the men broke his teeth. Authorities said McSwiggan was seen hitting himself with a jail payphone.

A phone message left for McSwiggan's attorney was not immediately returned Tuesday.

## Man's new job with an old flame gives his wife a chill

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband was recently offered a new job that carries with it a significant increase in salary as well as upward mobility. He was offered the job by a woman he used to work with years ago. She will be his new boss.

It was recently brought to my attention that not only were they co-workers, they also used to sleep together. He tells me there's absolutely nothing there, and that I don't need to be worried. However, I can't help but wonder why they have maintained contact for all these years, and why she sought him out to work for her.

She is also married, and I wonder if her husband knows their history, and if he would be OK with his wife's request to work with a former lover.

Am I overreacting? Or should people cut off contact with their exes once they are married? Should I be worried about a physical or emotional affair? I just don't have a good feeling about this. Thank you for your help.

NEEDS AN OBJECTIVE OPINION

**DEAR NEEDS:** In a situation like this, much depends

upon the individuals involved and the circumstances of the breakup. Not all romances end acrimoniously. Sometimes they gradually diminish and the people involved move on.

It would be interesting to know who told you your husband and this woman were once lovers. If it was your husband, I think you have less to be concerned about than if it was someone "trying to be helpful." It is possible that the woman contacted your husband because she is familiar with his work ethic and his abilities and thinks he would be the best person for the job.

That said, however, there are four people involved in this situation. And your question about whether her husband is aware of their history is a good one, because he should be.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have a suggestion for your readers who take prescription medication. When they are finished with it, they should peel the label off the bottle, stick it to a piece of paper and send it through a shredder.

These labels contain a lot of personal information. If they fall into the wrong hands, they could become shopping lists for drug addicts and our landfills could become their next source.

## DEAR ABBY

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CHET IN KENTUCKY

**DEAR CHET:** I agree!

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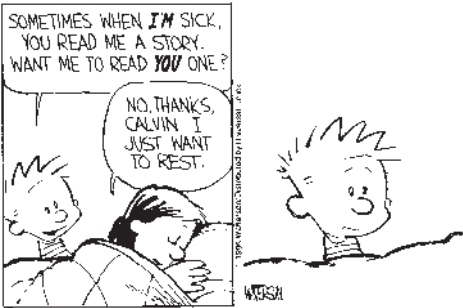
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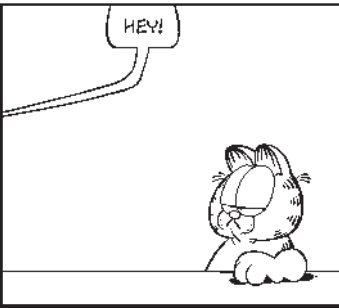
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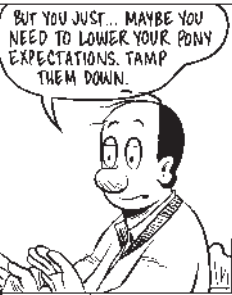
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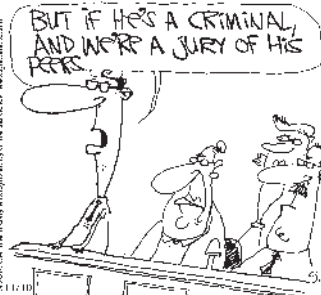
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12 Sheltered

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14 Verdi opera

15 Coral formation

16 Debtor's letters

17 Radiate

18 Patisserie buy

20 Yuletide tune

22 Rural plane

26 Cracks jokes

29 Gallery display

30 Call — day

31 Regarding

32 Whatever

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6 In the past

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36 Refine metal

37 Farmer's windfall

40 Campus VIP

41 Soon

45 Zwei

47 Do something

49 Zhivago's love

50 Scepters

51 Cartoonist Chast

52 Actor Rickman

53 Goblet feature

54 TV Tarzan

55 Warble Ron

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24 List-ending abbr.

25 Harangue

26 Door-frame piece

27 Birthright barterer

28 Out-of-control herd

32 Flying fee

33 Leaping antelopes

35 Zodiac cat

36 Junior

38 Spectrum creator

39 Posh

42 Island near Java

43 Persia, today

44 Tart flavor

45 ER workers

46 Hogwash

48 Army rank (Abbr.)

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 11-10**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Miranda Lambert, 33; Ellen Pompeo, 47; Tracy Morgan, 48; Michael Jai White, 49.

**Happy Birthday:** Set the stage and live the dream. You will come into your own if you are true to your beliefs. Open up your heart and share your wisdom and experience. Make your home a place of congregation. The greatest gift you can offer is your time, patience and understanding. Choose mind over matter and a healthy, happy lifestyle. Your numbers are 5, 9, 15, 21, 34, 36, 42.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take good care of health issues. Exercise and proper diet will increase your ability to get things done. Put some time and thought into updating your appearance or picking up knowledge that will help you handle money matters more efficiently. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Discuss emotional matters and money concerns with someone you are in a personal relationship or business venture with. It's important to keep your spending in check if you want to avoid stress and strive for long-term success. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Emotions will be difficult to deal with. Sign up for something that will require physical effort, self-improvement or travel. Keeping busy will give you the time you need to consider what you should do and execute your plan. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Look for a way to turn something you enjoy doing into a moneymaking opportunity. Discuss your plans and travel to destinations that can offer insight into how to turn your dream into a reality. Don't be afraid to do things differently. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Line up your agenda and get ready to have some fun. Travel, learning and enjoying the company of children, your partner or your peers will boost your popularity. A physical change will result in compliments and will help improve your life. \*\*\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Take part in events that encourage partnerships or joint ventures. Be bold and discuss what you have to offer. Don't miss out because someone is playing mind games with you. Tend to your business and let success be your reward. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Make alterations at home that will encourage you to indulge in the things you want to pursue. Nurture relationships and offer incentives to ensure you get the support you need to move forward. A little romance will improve your life. \*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take advantage of any function that allows you to promote what you have to offer. Your presentation will be well received, but could also result in jealousy. Don't look back or let anyone slow you down. It's your turn to advance. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Emotional matters will escalate, increasing your chance of hitting a setback in regards to a relationship or joint venture. Look for positive solutions to tackle what needs to be done in order to reach your goals. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** An unusual opportunity will come your way. Get involved in organizations that share your vested interests, and you will discover a new way to put your ideas, skills and expertise to use. Don't follow the crowd—make them follow you. \*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Put some energy behind your ideas and you will turn something you want to do into a moneymaking endeavor. Trust in yourself and your ability to follow through and make things happen. A romantic celebration will make your hard work worthwhile. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Check out a business opportunity that will help you earn more. A reunion will revive old ideas and dreams as well as a friendship. Don't share too much with others or it may end up costing you. Secrecy is encouraged. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are a dreamer and an explorer. You are original and helpful.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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**WONDERWORD**

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

**LEGAL TERMS**

Solution: 5 letters

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**Yesterday's Answer: Spread**

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# Schroder, Bazemore send Cavaliers to first loss



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—The Cleveland Cavaliers were handed a surprise Tuesday night.

Dennis Schroder scored a career-high 28 points and the Atlanta Hawks gave the reigning NBA champions their first loss of the season, 110-106.

Cleveland (6-1) cut into two large second-half deficits, but Atlanta converted clutch shots down the stretch.

"It was a weird game," said LeBron James, who scored 23 points after having only two in the first half.

Atlanta led by 18 points in the third quarter before Cleveland cut the margin to two. The Hawks rebuilt the lead to 15 early in the fourth, but the Cavaliers got within two with 25 seconds remaining.

Kent Bazemore, who scored 25 points, hit a jumper from the corner with 7 seconds left and put the game away.

"They've dominated the Eastern Conference for a long time now," Bazemore said. "They're definitely the measuring stick, and we passed our first test tonight."

Atlanta had lost 11 straight to Cleveland, including playoff sweeps the last two seasons.

"For my two years here, they've kicked our butts," Bazemore said. "This is one of the biggest wins I've had since I've been here."

Paul Millsap scored 21 points for Atlanta. Dwight Howard, who received four

stitches for a bloody lip in the first half, had 17 rebounds.

"Give them a lot of credit," James said. "They played a heck of a game. You know toward the end of the season they'll be right there."

Kyrie Irving led Cleveland with 29 points while Love added 24, but the Cavaliers were 11 of 42 on 3-point attempts.

"I think they might have had one of those nights, but our guys were really committed out there," Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said. "Our defense in the first half gave us a cushion, and we were able to hold them off."

Cleveland cut a 96-81 deficit to 101-97 on James' basket with 3:14 to play. The Hawks scored the next six points, but 3-pointers by James and Irving made it 106-103 with 48 seconds left.

Millsap's basket pushed the lead to five, but Love converted a three-point play with 25 seconds remaining before Bazemore hit his clutch shot.

Atlanta finished the second quarter on a 22-6 run to lead 53-42. James didn't score until he hit a jumper late in the first half.

Atlanta scored the first five points of the third quarter and stretched the lead to 58-42.

Hawks guard Kyle Korver did not travel to Cleveland after the birth of his third child Sunday.

## **Nets 119, Timberwolves 110**

In New York, Brook Lopez



Atlanta Hawks guard Dennis Schroder (17) scores as Cleveland Cavaliers guard Jordan McRae (12) defends in the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game, Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, in Atlanta.

have won three straight. Portland led by as many as 18 points early in the game but the Suns threatened down the stretch.

Lillard hit a 3-pointer with 6:45 left that put Portland in front 101-95. Eric Bledsoe made a free throw to pull Phoenix within 115-114 with just under a minute left, but he missed the second attempt that would have tied it and Lillard scored a layup on the other end.

Bledsoe finished with 31 points and Devin Booker had 23.

## **Mavericks 109, Lakers 97**

In Los Angeles, Harrison Barnes scored 31 points and Seth Curry added 23 as Dallas won its second straight game.

JJ Barea had 18 points, seven rebounds and eight assists for the Mavericks, who beat the Lakers for the 11th consecutive time. Dallas forced 17 turnovers and held the Lakers off down the stretch, scoring 10 straight points midway through the fourth quarter to take control.

Jordan Clarkson scored 22 points and Nick Young had 20 as the Lakers' three-game winning streak ended.

Lou Williams scored 15 points for Los Angeles, which rallied from an 11-point deficit in the second half before failing to execute in the final minutes.

## **Kings 102, Pelicans 94**

In Sacramento, California, DeMarcus Cousins had 11 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter for Sacramento, which never trailed in defeating winless New Orleans.

It was the second straight victory for the Kings (4-5), who were 1-7 in their first eight games last season.

Rudy Gay had 21 points and Aaron Afflalo added 15 for the Kings, who had dropped six straight games to New Orleans, dating to 2014.

Kings point guard Darren Collison had nine points in his first game this season. Collison, who entered the game late in the opening quarter, missed the first eight games, serving a suspension for a domestic violence incident in the summer.

Anthony Davis had 34 points and eight rebounds for the Pelicans, who have started the season with eight straight losses, matching the 2004-05 team for the worst start in franchise history. Rookie guard Buddy Hield had 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter and E'Twaun Moore added 13.

## Why can't NBA's next star-studded darling team break out?

Minnesota's Karl-Anthony Towns, one of the NBA's brightest young stars, followed teammate Andrew Wiggins as Rookie of the Year last season. They led the Timberwolves to Brooklyn on Election Day with a squad so green, most of their starters never had been eligible to vote in a previous presidential election.

But T'wolves coach and president Tom Thibodeau—a former Knicks assistant many wanted to see brought back to the Garden this offseason—is struggling with the league's youngest roster. Minnesota lost 119-110 to the Nets on Tuesday, falling to 1-5 and showing prodigious potential hasn't equated to production—at least not yet.

"A hundred-and-10 points is more than enough to win," Thibodeau said. "Unless we correct the defensive end, it's going to be a struggle. That has to be a priority for everyone, otherwise nothing positive is going to happen."

"You have to take something away. We gave up points

in the paint, we gave up the 3, the rebounding in the second half was poor. It's not good enough. It's not good enough to win. I know that."

Are his young charges getting the message, though? Wiggins, just 21, had a game-high 36 points. Towns, a 20-year-old Piscataway, N.J., native who followed Wiggins as a top overall pick and Rookie of the Year last season, had 21. But the toothless Timberwolves didn't guard a soul, allowing 55.3 percent shooting.

"The challenge [with young players] is to make the commitment to win, to improve each and every day, to make sure you're doing the right things," Thibodeau said. "Then you're going against experienced players, for us we have to use our advantage, is being young and athletic legs."

"But to speed that process up, we have to study, we have to practice well, and we've got to work every day. And then be in position to win, play tough with a lead. We can't let our guard down. Any

time in this league you start to feel good about yourself, that's usually when you get knocked back."

Led by Towns and Wiggins, Minnesota's starting five, including Zach LaVine, 21, and Kris Dunn, 22, is the youngest in the league, averaging 22.74 years old. That comes with ups and downs—and so far, there have been more valleys than peaks.

"[It's about] staying consistent. We have times we play great and times we don't. We've got to make it consistent and play a good 48 minutes," said Wiggins, who last season joined Towns to make the T'wolves just the second team in NBA history with two players averaging 15 points per game in their age-19 or age-20 seasons.

The other was the Thunder in 2008-09, with Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook.

"You can see there's something happening going on there. I compare it with Oklahoma [City] early," Nets backup big man Luis Scola told The Post, after putting

in solid minutes on Towns. "Most of the time with young players, consistency comes with age. It's hard to do, hard to achieve. ... Teams that are young have these kind of problems."

Wiggins doesn't run from those lofty expectations, reasonable or not.

"I think they're fair. We can be the best we can be. Both of us are getting better every game, every time we practice. As time goes on who knows what we hold?" Wiggins told The Post.

While the NBA culture often forces the question "Whose team is it?" Wiggins, who is averaging 20.6 points per game, insisted it's not a concern in Minnesota.

"They're entitled to their own opinion, and that's on them. ... We enjoy it. We're both young and have a lot of similarities, so I feel that's not a problem. I feel like we balance out each other. He's more vocal guy, I'm more lead by example, so we balance out each other." (*New York Post*)

scored 26 points as Brooklyn kept Minnesota winless on the road.

Trevor Booker added 15 points and Sean Kilpatrick had 14 for the Nets.

Andrew Wiggins scored a career-high 36 points for the Wolves, making a career-best six 3-pointers. Karl-Anthony Towns had 21 points, but scoring wasn't the problem for Minnesota.

## **Grizzlies 108, Nuggets 107**

In Memphis, Tennessee, Marc Gasol scored on an inbounds pass from Vince Carter at the buzzer to lift Memphis.

Gasol had 19 points for the Grizzlies, who had lost two straight, while Zach Randolph added 16.

Emmanuel Mudiay had 23 points and Danilo Gallinari added 21 for the Nuggets.

## **Trail Blazers 124, Suns 121**

In Portland, Oregon, Damian Lillard scored 38 points, including key free throws in the waning seconds, as Portland edged Phoenix.

CJ McCollum added 33 points for the Blazers, who



# Verlander, Cabrera, Sale could be available on trade market



**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.**  
(AP)—Detroit

Tigers ace Justin Verlander and slugger Miguel Cabrera could be available for the right price. The Chicago White Sox might be prepared to deal Chris Sale, too.

Not even a week has passed since the Chicago Cubs won their first World Series title in more than a century, and teams already are involved in trade talk as they position themselves for 2017 and beyond.

"The conversations this year with GMs started earlier and had more substance to them than I recall in the past," Philadelphia general manager Matt Klentak said Tuesday on the first full day of the GMs' annual meeting.

A weak free-agent market at many positions has driven deal dialogue. Frustrated they have not won the World Series since 1984 despite a payroll that is among baseball's highest, the Tigers sound ready to embark on a rebuild.

"We have an open mind to listen on any player on our roster," general manager Al Avila said. "We're going to try to make this organization good for the long run, not the short run. We're looking at it as all-in for the long haul. And so the transition, that first step, might be a little bit tough here."

A six-time All-Star right-hander who turns 34 in February, Verlander went 16-9 with a 3.04 ERA this year in his best season since 2012. He is owed \$28 million in each of the next three seasons.

Cabrera, an 11-time All-Star who plays mostly first base these days, turns 34 in April. He will be paid \$28 million next year, \$30 million in each of the following four seasons and \$32 million annually in 2022 and '23.

Detroit's payroll was about \$199 million this year, trailing only the Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Yankees and Boston, and the Tigers likely will pay a luxury tax of just under \$4 million. An 86-75 record, eight games behind AL Central champion Cleveland, prompted Detroit to reconsider its methods.

"If anybody thinks that you just can continue to add and add, where does the payroll get to?" Avila said.

On the South Side of Chicago, the White Sox sprinted to a 23-10 start, creating visions of a Windy City World Series against the Cubs, then sank to a 78-84 record. After winning the 2005 title, the White Sox have not even reached the playoffs since 2008.

Sale, a left-hander who turns 27 in March, was an All-Star in each of the last



AP  
In this Oct. 2, 2016, file photo Detroit Tigers' Justin Verlander delivers a pitch against the Atlanta Braves during a baseball game in Atlanta. Detroit's Verlander and Miguel Cabrera could be available for the right price.

the right decisions on draft picks and swaps is the hard part.

"The idea that you rip the Band-Aid off, be bad for a couple of years, make some trades and always end up on the positive side, I don't think that's realistic," Hoyer said.

Avila, who took over as Detroit's GM when Dave Dombrowski was fired in August 2015, remembered when he was the Marlins' director of Latin American operations under Dombrowski. After winning the 1997 World Series, Florida jettisoned veterans such as Kevin Brown, Al Leiter and Moises Alou under the orders of owner H. Wayne Huizenga, who was in the process of selling the franchise.

"That was a fire sale," Avila said. "This is not a fire sale. This is a change of philosophy."

five seasons and has a contract that pays him \$12 million next year and includes club options at \$12.5 million for 2018 and \$15 million for 2019.

White Sox GM Rick Hahn said other teams ask him about Sale, but Hahn also discusses the future with owner Jerry Reinsdorf and executive vice president Kenny Williams.

"I think our goal is to put ourselves in a position to win on a sustainable basis," Hahn said. "We've been focused on a short-term benefit. We've gotten to the point when we have had our conversations internally with Jerry and Kenny where we realize a better position for the long term is a more prudent path."

Given the tendency of baseball executives to follow the leader, they seek to mimic the Cubs. Seeking its first title since 1908, Chicago hired Theo Epstein as president of baseball operations and Jed Hoyer as GM after the team went 71-91 in 2011.

As they overhauled the roster, the Cubs lost 101 games the following year, 96 in 2013 and 89 in 2014. As top draft picks reached the major league team, the Cubs added free agents during the past two offseasons and won 97 games in 2015 and a big league-high 103 this year, when they beat Cleveland in a seven-game World Series.

"Any time you're trading away really good veterans like that, you're setting yourself up for some really long summers," Hoyer cautioned. "The messaging in your clubhouse is really difficult. The messaging to your fan base is really difficult. Fans grow to

like players on their team, and when you trade away the guy whose jersey they just got for Christmas or you trade away

a guy's friend and mentor in the clubhouse, whoever that might be, that's hard messaging."

Going young, building a core group and then adding veterans in order to peak with a title is the goal. But making

## Posey, Rizzo, Lindor among Gold Glove winners

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Catch this: Buster Posey is the new Gold Glove backstop in the National League.

The San Francisco Giants star unseated Yadier Molina behind the plate Tuesday when Rawlings announced its annual honors for fielding excellence. Posey was picked as the NL catcher, ending Molina's eight-year reign with St. Louis.

"I don't know if it makes it any more special or not that he had won it eight years in a row because I think I'd be happy with it either way," Posey said on a conference call. "This one's up there for me. I'm a firm believer you win ballgames with pitching and defense."

Posey was joined on the Gold Glove roster by a pair of Giants teammates, the double-play combination of shortstop Brandon Crawford and second baseman Joe Panik.

Colorado third baseman Nolan Arenado won for the fourth consecutive year, and Arizona pitcher Zack Greinke took his third straight prize.

Other winners in the NL were Atlanta center fielder Ender Inciarte, Pittsburgh left fielder Starling Marte, and first baseman Anthony Rizzo and right fielder Jason Heyward from the World Series champion Chicago Cubs.

Young shortstop Francis-



AP  
In this Aug. 7, 2016, file photo, San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey looks toward the infield during the team's baseball game against the Washington Nationals in Washington.

co Lindor from AL champion Cleveland was a first-time winner, along with Texas first baseman Mitch Moreland, Detroit second baseman Ian Kinsler, New York Yankees left fielder Brett Gardner and Boston right fielder Mookie Betts.

Kansas City catcher Salvador Perez won his fourth Gold Glove in a row, Houston pitcher Dallas Keuchel took his third straight and Tampa Bay center fielder Kevin Kiermaier repeated from last year.

Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre was rewarded for the fifth time overall.

"I'm pretty surprised an old man like me can win the Gold Glove," said the 37-year-old Beltre, who was thrilled Moreland won as well.

"I think I'm happier for him than for me because for the last couple of years, he has played such a great defensive first base and was never recognized," Beltre said. "Most of my mistakes are throwing the ball and Mitch has saved me so many errors and makes

things look easier for me."

The 22-year-old Lindor became the first Indians player to win a Gold Glove since outfielder Grady Sizemore in 2008, and their second shortstop after Omar Vizquel won every year from 1994-2001.

Votes are submitted in September by managers and coaches who cannot choose their own players. Three years ago, Rawlings added a sabermetric component to the Gold Glove selection process as well.



# Patriots' Tom Brady is back and better than ever

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The New England Patriots barely missed a beat when Tom Brady served his monthlong “Deflategate” suspension, going 3-1 and keeping up with the undefeated Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos.

Trevor Siemian, the 250th overall draft pick in 2015, outdueled a trio of top overall selections in Cam Newton, Andrew Luck and Jameis Winston during a magnificent first month as Peyton Manning’s surprise successor.

Then, reality hit—along with Buccaneers defensive tackle Clinton McDonald.

He flung Siemian to the turf, bruising his left shoulder, the first in a string of injuries that have sidelined the likes of DeMarcus Ware, C.J. Anderson, Aqib Talib and Derek Wolfe while helping to break the Broncos’ stranglehold on the AFC West.

With an anemic offense and a depleted defense, the Broncos (6-3) are looking up at not only the Patriots (7-1) in the AFC but two teams in their own division. The resurgent



Raiders (7-2) and the Chiefs (6-2) are ahead of them in the AFC West, which the Broncos have owned since Tim Tebow was running the read-option and not the bases.

“We’ve just got to find a way to stay on the damn field,” said coach Gary Kubiak, whose team leads the league in three-and-outs, putting a back-breaking strain on its dazzling defense.

Behind Derek Carr and

Khalil Mack, the Raiders are seeking their first playoff berth since 2002, and their 30-20 drubbing of Denver on Sunday was their biggest win in more than a decade.

“We know we can’t look at this game as something that’s going to define us or define the season,” running back Latavius Murray said after running for three touchdowns and half of Oakland’s 218 rushing yards.

By dominating the trenches

and controlling the clock for 41:28, the Raiders were able to expose a weakness in Denver’s otherwise stellar defense.

“That’s something that we have to fix,” cornerback Chris Harris Jr. said. “It’s been leaky pretty much all season. So we have to figure that out and really put an emphasis on that, and get back to doing what we do.”

The Raiders won’t get caught up in their first-half success because they know

New England Patriots running back James White (28) celebrates his touchdown with quarterback Tom Brady, right, during the first half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass.

holding off the Chiefs, who have won 10 consecutive home games, and Broncos, who have won five divisional titles in a row, won’t be easy.

Plus, New England is clearly the class of the conference now that Manning is pitching products instead of pigskins.

Brady is back and better than ever.

The Patriots, who visit Denver on Dec 18, are 4-0 with him back under center.

At age 39, that speed bump year when most elite QBs have either traded in two-minute drills for 30-second spots or are just trying not to tarnish their legacy, Brady has thrown for a dozen TDs and not a single interception in four games.

His completion rate of 73.1 percent is nearly 10 points above his career average, and his passer rating of 133.9 would be a career high if he can maintain this pace over the second half.

Brady is two wins shy of Brett Favre’s 199 career victories and three wins shy of Manning’s record 200 wins, a mark the five-time MVP set when the Broncos won Super Bowl 50.

“It’s pretty early, so, there’s a long way to go,” Brady said. “Seven wins, it’s a good place, I think decent position. But coach always says ‘Seven wins won’t get you anything in this league.’ He’s right. We’ve got a lot of football ahead.”

As well as things have gone for the Patriots, the trade of defense stalwart Jamie Collins was a reminder to everyone—Brady included—that no one has infinite time in the Patriots’ locker room.

“You can’t be around this long and not realize that the world will keep spinning and the sun will come up tomorrow without you,” Brady said.

The next two months will show whether Bill Belichick’s trade of Collins was a huge mistake or a heeded message.

New England is well on its way to an eighth consecutive AFC East title, holding a three-game lead over second-place Miami (4-4).

The Houston Texans (5-3) are the only .500-or-better team in the AFC South, but they were throttled 27-9 in Brock Osweiler’s return to Denver.

At least the South has a winning team. The Ravens and Steelers are tied atop the North at 4-4.

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season after besting 12 other runners in the U9 age group. The Series 1 and 2 top finisher registered 7:02—the fastest time in the elementary division—to beat Grace Christian Academy’s Takeru Jim (7:47) and SCS’ Alfred Baek (8:12) for the top honors.

San Vicente’s Bryce Royal (8:41) came in at fourth and was followed by SCS’ Nicho-

las Taisacan (8:44), MCS’ Irie Camacho (10:55), SCS’ Drei Camacho (11:27), MCS’ Maui Silva (11:31), Agape’s Wen Jie (11:41), and San Vicente’s Aaron Martinez (13:06), Gregory Ngotel (13:22), Abraham Sablan (13:26), and Ohick Ragbonshe (17:14).

In the boys U11, Dylan Mister made it back-to-back as his 7:35 in last Saturday’s race beat the times of eight other runners in his division. Mister was the second fastest

runner in the elementary races and the only one in his division to complete the one-lap course under eight minutes. San Vicente’s Daniel Wang tallied 8:52 to rank second, while his schoolmate Taylor Haddy rounded out the Top 3 after clocking in at 9:05.

Other finishers in the boys U11 were Agape’s Bo Chen (9:10), Eucon International School’s John Yu (9:13), Whispering Palms’ Mark Church (9:19), San Vicente’s Aizeah

Hocog (9:51), Agape’s Jack Wu (10:05), and San Vicente’s Antonio Cabrera (12:40).

Porass duplicated Dylan Mister’s two straight wins after ruling the U7 division. The San Vicente student timed in at 9:20 to down schoolmate Chase Agulto (10:02) and MCS’ Austin Tagabuel (11:48). Rounding out the age group’s finishers were MCS’ Jess Jiang (13:05), San Vicente’s Eloy Deleon Guerrero (13:30), SCS’ William

Guo (16:04), and MCS’ Keanu Silva (16:37) and Donald Tagabuel (19:41).

Last weekend’s Series 4 was sort of an “extra leg” as the organizing NMA decided to hold one more event after locking up the Nov. 19 date for the championship at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

There were also races in the middle school and high school divisions and results will be reported in *Saipan Tribune’s* Friday issue.

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United-1’s outstanding start after making a hat-trick in the first 30 minutes of play, as he scored in the second, seventh, and 25th minute. Dylan Kim and Rohan Basnet added two goals each, while MP United-1 drew one apiece from Andrew Chung, Jerick Quimzon, Julianne Hall, Rintaro Miyawaki, and Coume Kaga. Hall then finished things off for MP United-1 with her three goals, while Kaga chipped in one more in the second half. Tori Weaver tallied the lone goal for MP United-2.

In the other co-ed U12 pairing between Kanoa and paire, Brian Lubao registered four goals for the winning team, while Jim Kurt Maniago and Merrick Toves contributed one apiece.

Lubao knocked in three

straight goals in the first half with his first two recorded both in the eighth minute, while his third came in the 24th. Paire earned only one goal in the opening frame, courtesy of Justin Weaver’s shot in the 19th minute.

Dylan Mister drilled Paire’s three goals in the second half, but these were not enough to bring his team back in the game, as Kanoa matched the output after getting one goal apiece from Maniago, Merrick Toves, and Jim Kurt Lubao.

In the girls U15 division, Shirley’s shut down Tan Holdings, 5-0, in the first game last Saturday at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field.

Jerylan Castillo starred in the easy win with her three goals. She had her first just two minutes into the game and the last two in the eighth and 48th minute. Therize Millare made the two other goals for

Shirley’s, which now has a 5-1-1 record to pace the five-team field.

However, Shirley’s holds a shaky lead, as the second-ranked Kanoa owns a 5-0-1 mark with two games left on the latter’s schedule against the former’s one. The Top 2 teams will collide in a crucial game tomorrow, while Kanoa will still play Matansa (Oct. 29 cancelled match) on a later date. Matansa, which still has a shot at the division title with its 4-1-1 card, will also have its final regular season match this weekend against MP United (2-0-5).

Kanoa kept its title hopes alive following a similar 5-0 triumph over MP United in the other girls U15 division match last weekend.

Britanny Wally towed Kanoa to its fifth win after firing four goals, while Paulynn Grace Joyce recorded the other goal for the team.

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unanimous decision in Real Fight Championship 5 last June 12.

Meanwhile, 11 other fights are scheduled (subject to changes) in next month’s Trench Warz 20 that will be held at the parking area of the Marianas Business Plaza.

In the lone kickboxing match, it will be Guam Muay Thai’s Chris Tabligan against Trench Tech’s Vince “The Clinch” Masga.

For the MMA action, Down2Scrap’s Jadrien “The Last King” Camacho will start the 10 pairings as he takes on Vida BJJ’s Franklin Santos. The remaining matches will have Justin “Ichi Banger” Quichocho of Guam Muay Thai vs “Tabi” Jay Muña of Predator Combat; Jeffery Garcia of Trench Tech vs Torsten

Rosser of Guam Martial Arts Academy; Frank Meno of High Blood Pressure vs Eric “Gatty” Gatman of Guam Muay Thai; Ray “Major” Duenas of Team Chaos vs Kier “The Radical Kid” Agda of Trench Tech; Junar Jesus of High Blood Pressure vs Danny Cruz of Trench Tech; Jeff Mesa of Spike 22 vs K.J. Villagomez of Bad Ass BeachBoys; Nick Cruz of Trench Tech vs Joey Boy Crisostomo Jr. of Spike 22; Juan “Hot Pocket” Lizama of Ground-Fu Guam vs Andrew “Top Gun” Sablan of Team Zalaka; and Vince Campos vs Enrique Torres of Team Chaos.

Event organizer Trench Tech has also listed five standby fighters: Andres “The Tanapag Beach Bad Boy” Camacho, John Tudela, Leon Quinata, Ryan Ngirbabul, and Larry Naputi.

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NBA STANDINGS				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
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Toronto	4	2	.667	—
Boston	3	3	.500	1
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	1½
New York	2	4	.333	2
Philadelphia	0	6	.000	4
Southeast Division				
Charlotte	5	1	.833	—
Atlanta	5	2	.714	½
Orlando	3	4	.429	2½
Miami	2	4	.333	3
Washington	1	5	.167	4
Central Division				
Cleveland	6	1	.857	—
Detroit	4	3	.571	2
Chicago	4	3	.571	2
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	2
Indiana	3	4	.429	3
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	5	2	.714	—
Houston	4	3	.571	1
Memphis	4	4	.500	1½
Dallas	2	5	.286	3
New Orleans	0	8	.000	5½
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	6	1	.857	—
Portland	5	3	.625	1½
Utah	5	3	.625	1½
Denver	3	4	.429	3
Minnesota	1	5	.167	4½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	6	1	.857	—
Golden State	5	2	.714	1
L.A. Lakers	4	4	.500	2½
Sacramento	4	5	.444	3
Phoenix	2	6	.250	4½
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# Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Meet 2

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Swimmers get ready for the 50m backstroke event in the 2016 Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation Meet 2 held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



Saipan Swim Club's Nieves Villagomez competes in the 100m freestyle race.



Swimmers wait for the start of the 50m freestyle event.



Saipan Swim Club's Susana Villagomez waits for the start of the 100m freestyle event.



Saipan Swim Club's R.J. Pierce nears completion of the 100m freestyle race.



Two Tsunami Saipan swimmers are in a close race in the 50m breaststroke.



Saipan Swim Club's Taiga Sato does the backstroke of the 200m individual medley event.



Tsunami Saipan's Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero pushes hard during 50m breaststroke event.





Schroder,  
Bazemore send  
Cavaliers to  
first loss

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## Title races still on for youth league



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It ain't over yet.

At least that's the case for the teams gunning for the girls U15 and co-ed U12 division championships in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League.

In the co-ed U12 division, double round-robin competition. Kanoa defeated Paire, 6-4, last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field to finish with a 7-0-1 win-



draw-loss record.

Breathing down Kanoa's neck is MP United-1, which improved to a 6-0-1 slate after 17-1 demolition of sister team MP United-2 (1-0-6) in the other game in the division last weekend. MP United-1 has one more game left and a win against Paire this Saturday at 12:30pm will put the former in a tie for first place with Kanoa. A playoff game will then be played, according to an earlier confirmation from league organizers, to decide the division champion.

MP United-1 stayed in title

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Shirley's Football Club's Jerlyn Castillo, third left, seen here dribbling during their first round game against MP United FC in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth league at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field, scored three goals in their 5-0 victory over TanHoldings last Saturday.

contention after showing no mercy to the club's second team in the division. The spring season champion took the win right at the end of the first half after streaking to a 13-0 advantage.

Jeremiah Diaz led MP

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## Old, new winners in final leg

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A mix of old and new winners emerged in the elementary school division races in the fourth and final leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Saipan Community School's Yu Jie, San Vicente's Kymo Porass and Kian Helgen, and Whispering Palms' Dylan Myster prevailed anew, while Saipan Community's Andrei Kaitlynn Chavez and Anika Camacho made it to the winners circle for the first time.

Camacho, after failing to land in the Top 3 in her first two appearances in the series, this time took the podium with her best time of 8:57 in the girls U11 division. She was the only runner in her age group to break the nine-minute barrier, as runner-up and fellow SCS runner Chloe Seo clocked in at 9:14. SCS had a Top 4 finish in the division with Katie Choi and Michelle Ryu coming in at third and fourth place with times of 9:28 and 10:00, respectively, while San Vicente's Chelsea Lorenzo (14:21) completed the

girls U11 field.

In the girls U9 age group, Chavez joined the cross country series for the first time this season and defeated 12 other runners in her division. The SCS student was the fastest girl and third overall in the elementary races after checking in at 7:46. Joining Chavez in the Top 3 in the division were Abbie Kim (9:21) and Huab Bacani (9:24).

Other finishers in the girls U9 were San Vicente's Jenny Zhang (10:48), Rhietaazayne Mendiola (11:02), Sherynne Yang (11:49), Karmean Cabrera (11:49), Tianna Villanueva (14:31), Bibi Shrestha (14:32), and Brynae Sablan (15:27).

Mt. Carmel School's Quemari Duenas (12:30), Agape Christian School's Mary Fu (12:46), and SCS' Fiona Kim (16:17).

In the girls U7, Series 2 winner Jie Yu of SCS got her second victory after finishing the one-mile race in 10:49. She prevailed against Series 3 top placer Phoenix (12:09) and Beatrice (15:00) Gross of Saipan International School and San Vicente's Madison Dela Rosa (12:14).

In the boys division, Helgen earned his third win this

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## Iakopo-Wusstig title match headlines Trench Warz 20

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The anticipated return to the eight sides of Trench Tech's Stanley "The Raging Bull" Iakopo may happen next month as he is pitted against Guam's Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig in the lone title fight scheduled in Trench Warz 20: Full Trottle.

Iakopo, whose last appearance in the octagon cage was more than eight years ago, was supposed to challenge Wusstig for the lightweight crown in the Rites of Passage 20: Conquer at The Warehouse in August this year. However, his duel with the Spike 22 standout was canceled after he sustained an injury (broken ribs) while playing American football against

Team Guahan a few weeks before their Aug. 18 bout.

Iakopo, who just came from a third place finish in last weekend's Art of War 11: Submission Grappling/BJJ Tournament, hopes to pick up

where he left off when he faces Wusstig in the Dec. 9 event. The Trench Tech fighter, according to sherdog.com's record, won his only MMA match before taking a long break. He defeated Arnold



Balbin via rear-naked choke just 49 seconds into first round of their three-round bout in Rites of Passage 4: The Up-roar held last Feb. 16, 2008.

Wusstig, on the other hand, won five of his 15 fights and had a split in his matches this year. He stopped (TKO/elbows) Ryan Toves in Rites of Passage 19: Seek and Destroy last April 22 before losing to Japanese Daisuke Hoshino via

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Stanley Iakopo, seen here facing Shane Alvarez in last Saturday's BJJ tournament at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, will return to the octagon cage via Trench Warz 20: Full Trottle as he collides with Guam's Rob Wusstig in a lightweight title bout next month.



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Saipan Community School's Andrei Kaithlyn Chavez, right, heads to the finish line en route to winning the girls U9 division of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series 4 held last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field